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(letters)

Danger of the Anti-Porn Movement

Thanks to Tim Kingston and the *SF Bay Times* for illustrating in some detail the very real danger of the feminist anti-porn movement ("Queer Censorship," Nov. 4).

By suggesting that a free society is too dangerous for women, Dworkin, MacKinnon, and other paranoid misfits of the women's movement turn the original meaning of feminism on its head. This is an outgrowth of the cult of victimization that has infected not only feminism but other progressive movements as well, and it works against the ultimate goal of equality.

Let this be a wake-up call to anyone naive enough to believe there is such a thing as a "little" censorship. Good intentions or not, if we usher in a climate of sexual repression, you can be damn sure sexual minorities will be the first and hardest hit. The anti-porn and the anti-choice movements have at least two things in common: They both spring from a deep-seated hatred of sex, and the self-righteous idea that disapproval of something justifies denying it to others.

Kate Crider
Oakland

Now I Understand

I was stunned by the information in Tim Kingston's piece on Canadian censorship.

Now I understand why the mail orders for "All Out Comedy," the first gay and lesbian comedy video special, have never arrived at Canadian customers' homes. I have been blaming it on our faulty postal service...but now it all makes sense. The tape sleeve for "All Out Comedy" boasts the words "gay," "lesbian" and "queer" in numerous, highly visible places.

Bohdan Zachary
Producer/Director, "All Out Comedy"
San Francisco

Banned in Canada!

Just a few days after reading your excellent "Queer Censorship" article, I had the pleasure of hearing from Inland Book Company that my own leatherdyke zine, *Brat Attack,* just got refused by Canadian Customs at Fort Erie for "degradation." Gee, I feel so honored! Now we can stamp "Banned in Canada" all over the next issue just like all our favorite literature. If only we could get Jesse Helms to notice us, *then* we'd really be talking sales.

I feel more sorry for the poor Canadian queers who are under siege by their own government. I talked to one Canadian bookstore worker this summer who said that they drove over the border and *smuggled in* their Inland shipments rather than have to deal with customs. I admire their guts, but it shouldn't have to be that way.

I especially loved reading your Dworky comments about dyke-made pornography. I'm so glad to know that she and Catherine MacKinnon have women's best interests at heart when they sic the Big Boys on us. I'd be interested to know where she's planning to put the reeducation camps after her Revolution. Please, Andrea, lock me up with the girls who *like to fuck!*

Fish
Editor, *Brat Attack*
San Francisco

The Real Oppressor

The following letter was sent to Pastor David Innes, Hamilton Square Baptist Church:

I have seen and spoken to you on various occasions: at a Human Rights Commission meeting, at Board of Supervisors hearings and at your church. You saw me at the hearing at City Hall on Nov. 8, but twice when you walked past me you wouldn't look me straight in the eye. I spoke to Ms. McIlhenny of the First Orthodox Presbyterian Church and she also would not look at me straight in the eye. I wonder, if you feel that God is on your side, why do you have fear in simply looking at me? I am only 5'6" tall, weigh 140 lbs., and I am a law-abiding citizen.

You also would not allow me to enter your church on Sept. 19. Could you imagine Jesus telling Mary Magdalene not to associate with him because she was a prostitute, a woman and a social outcast?

In the late 1800s and early 1900s the fundamentalist Christians lost the theological battle with the mainline Christians, so the fundamentalists have turned their attention to political issues instead. Pastors like you are too chicken to argue with the mainline Christian intellectual theologians. You think it is easier to pick on gays—besides, we are often more visible than the theologians who stay pretty much at university centers.

Well, I have some news for you: We gays have many intellectuals among our ranks too—something you fundamentalists lack. I feel that in a sense it is a blessing that you have decided to attack us because now as a result your people are being exposed to other ideas, as they were during the Board of Supervisors hearing on Nov. 8.

From a reliable source I have heard that your church has given out free literature from the Camron Institute which calls for physical extermination of gays. You people try to present yourselves as the victims, but we know what your true agenda is and who the real oppressor is.

Jaime Cader
Antioch

Helping Lou's Marketing

My objection is not that protesters violated Lou Sheldon's civil rights... although they did so blatantly and publicly. I object to the fact that such behavior stupidly gave a vicious parasite the platform that he desperately seeks from which he will spew his personal gospel of hatred with unctuous and unearned moral superiority. Lou Sheldon is a pathetic, low-minded, squeaky-voiced, self-seeking little freak, who sells preposterous lies to desperate fools. And you, dear protesters, are his marketing tool.

Joey Tranchina
San Mateo

Other Voices at the City Hall Rotunda...

As an openly gay Episcopal priest, I felt duty-bound by my call as a minister of the Good News of Holy Scripture and by my call as a gay man to be at City Hall for the media event staged by Lou Sheldon and the religious right. As Christians we are empowered by Jesus Christ to love God and our neighbors as we love ourselves.

I found it interesting that the conservative religious contingent at City Hall did not have smiles on their faces nor did they show joy at the prospect of proclaiming their doctrine to the Board of Supervisors. So too I found it strange that Sheldon and the other conservative clergy should be surrounded by a phalanx of San Francisco police, while those of us who preach another interpretation of the Bible and defend the civil rights of lesbians and gay men stood on the periphery.

In my opinion this is not foremost a religious issue. The Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) has a political agenda and will try to attract media attention to itself through whatever means necessary, even if that includes perverting the truth as well as twisting the Bible to suit their agenda.

Secondly, this is not a racial issue. Sheldon wants to make race the issue and to exploit the divisions which already exist among ethnic and cultural communities. I observed that a large majority of the conservatives outside of the chamber were African Americans, many of whom complained that racism within the gay community was responsible for their persecution.

Thirdly, Lou Sheldon, David Innes and the TVC want to make the Hamilton Square Baptist Church the cornerstone of their political program in Northern California. This small congregation will become a fundamental part of this growing conservative agenda.

The religious right claims that there is a gay agenda. This may or may not be true. But I believe that it is time for progressive religious leaders and those of us who are lesbian and gay *and* Christian to articulate our agenda. Our sin has been our silence and apathy in the face of an overt takeover by the religious right, and the subsequent and systematic repeal of gay and lesbian basic civil rights throughout this country.

I am proud to be gay and a believing Christian, wearing my clerical collar together with the rainbow freedom pin Monday in the City Hall Rotunda. I believe Jesus' claim to have overturned the old laws of Leviticus by Christ's call for love. I will continue to witness to the unconditional love of Jesus Christ and my belief that God has called all things good. And I will continue to pray for those who have set their hearts against us and are using gays and lesbians as scapegoats for their own hatred and fear.

And I will continue to call my gay brothers and lesbian sisters of faith to accelerated action now on our agenda of justice and compassion.

Father Armand Kreft
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church
San Francisco

Homophobia in Jerusalem

We are asking people to write to *The Jerusalem Post* (211 E. 43rd St., Suite 601, NYC, NY 10017) to protest Rabbi Shlomo Riskin's article, "Homosexuality as a Tragic Mistake." Tell them that you will not purchase the paper until the bigot is removed.

Dov Ben Khayyim
Berkeley

Lantos on the Record

Your correspondents, inadvertently I am sure, are in error ("Lantos Lied," Letters, Oct. 21). There were three final votes in the United States House of Representatives on the subject of gays in the military on Sept. 28 and 29. On these three votes, which were amendments to H.R. 2401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, my two gay colleagues, Gerry Studds and Barney Frank, and my neighbor in San Francisco, Nancy Pelosi, voted as follows:

- Roll Call Vote 460 on the Meehan Amendment —Mr. Studds, Mr. Frank, Ms. Pelosi and I all voted *for* the amendment.
- Roll Call Vote 461 on the Duncan Hunter Amendment—Mr. Studds, Mr. Frank, Ms. Pelosi and I all voted *against* the amendment.
- Roll Call Vote 471, the final and official vote on the Skelton Amendment—Mr. Studds, Mr. Frank, Ms. Pelosi and I all voted *against* the amendment.

Although I am not calling for a public apology, fairness would indicate that your correspondents publicly aknowledge their mistakes. I am enclosing a copy of these votes from the *Congressional Record* as well as a letter from the Human Rights Campaign Fund. I would appreciate your publishing both of these items.

I have always been a steadfast advocate of all human rights and consistent in my opposition to all forms of discrimination. I intend to continue this policy.

Tom Lantos
Member of Congress

Take Responsibility

This is an open letter to the queer and queer-friendly who on Halloween night in the Castro stood around, gawked and did nothing as a group of straight men threw bottles at a group of dykes who were hanging out on a roof near 18th and Castro.

This is to the security guards who were oh-so-butch and authoritative "maintaining order" at the entrances, but pathetically remained a few feet away from the attackers.

How can you justify enjoying the festivities of the community and do nothing to protect or defend it? Would you have been so passive had the people on the roof being rained with broken glass were men? Is homophobia such a single issue for you that you don't give a shit when an assault is spurred by blatant sexism? Like flies to shit, a bunch more drunken men swooped in to join the action and lob bottles at the women. I have never been around so many queers and felt so isolated with so little sense of community in my life.

One man did jump out of the crowd and take a swing at the most obnoxious of the bottle-throwers. No one stepped forward from the crowd when this man was cracked over the head with a metal chain.

And what was I doing? Appealing to people to help run these homophobes out of the Castro. "I didn't see how it started." "The police will take care of it." "Maybe the women started it." I sure hope I don't need any of your help if I'm under attack. I was sickened by the passivity, the lack of outrage, the voyeuristic curiosity. Queer bashing as a spectator sport in the Castro!

Community doesn't happen by itself. There will be no liberated zone if you don't take responsibility when your sisters and brothers are under attack. Remember Stonewall? Obviously not.

Laura Weide
San Francisco

Smoking and HIV

Thank you to the lesbigay community for its strong support of the recently passed city ordinance protecting workers and the public from the dangers of secondhand smoke. Like many issues that affect this city, lesbigays were well-represented in the process that moved the bill along. Thanks to all of you who contacted the supervisors, signed the CLASH petitions or attended the public hearings. No doubt, the outpouring of support contributed to the unanimous board vote.

To the members of the Tavern Guild who testified *against* the bill: I hope you'll take comfort from the compelling studies that show that restaurant business does not suffer when smoking is banned. Also, I hope you'll seriously consider the following: An estimated 50 percent of the gay men in San Fran-

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Actions Speak Louder Than Words: The Christian Right's Assault On San Francisco

by Tim Kingston

By now everyone knows that Rev. Lou Sheldon got just what he wanted from the San Francisco gay, lesbian and bisexual community when he was shouted down at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on Nov. 8. Sheldon and his Traditional Values Coalition—and every other homophobic group in the country—got fabulous fundraising footage as further "evidence" of San Francisco's Sodom-by-the-sea status. Sheldon's appearance here—along with local Pastor David Innes and the recently fired Rev. Eugene Lumpkin—also marked the first time in years the religious right has felt strong enough to mount a direct assault on the City.

"We are sadly living in a time of anti-Christian bigotry," declared the dyspeptic Sheldon to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on Nov. 8. "The homosexual movement has a history of violence in this very City" He was immediately drowned out when, as if on cue, virtually every queer in the room exploded with indignation. Board President Angela Alioto frantically banged her gavel, and threatened to have the room cleared by the 60-odd riot police stationed in City Hall.

Sheldon gleefully continued to jam down on the queer rage button. He declared to all present, particularly the TV cameras, "I preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and will not have any particular group tell me what is politically correct. We will do what is morally correct!" The crowd snarled and Sheldon looked smug.

While Sheldon played the "Christian-martyrdom" card to the hilt, Supervisor Kevin Shelley sat across the room quietly but visibly fuming. "I am sure they made millions," growled Shelley afterwards, describing the event as nothing more than evangelical "entrepeneurship" to raise funds for the religious right.

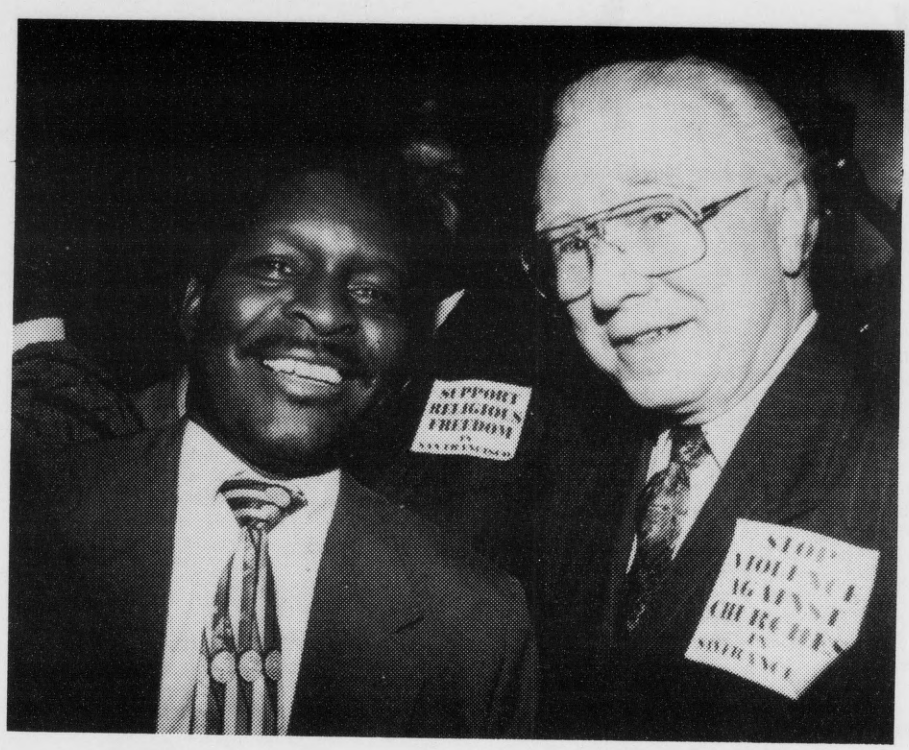
"This is not about religious freedom," Shelley said, clearly annoyed. "I was raised Catholic. The last I remember is that you are supposed to love each other, and support whoever you choose to love. It was not a love-fest, especially by their ministers." He added, "Sheldon was loving it—it was obvious. Here was this guy surrounded by beefy guards, and you could sense he was relishing the scathing remarks. This guy is a practiced huckster."

Gilbert Baker, creator of the rainbow flag and event organizer par excellence, said it best just after Sheldon spoke to the crowded chamber: "I am feeling a little nauseous right now, knowing that this moment is a commercial for Lou Sheldon and his friends over there. They have really floor-managed this entire event. I wonder if we realize how we are being manipulated, how our anger is being manipulated...by these people. You know, they really do hate us."

It was the manipulation that got to Supervisor Susan Leal, who glowered her way through the meeting—barely able to speak to reporters—she was so pissed. "I *hate* feeling someone can bait me and pull my anger out. They were trying to use the gay, lesbian, bisexual community." Leal added menacingly, "I don't like being used." Supervisor Carole Migden also remained tensely silent, not wanting to give the fundamentalists any more gay anger to feed off. Migden snapped afterward, "We don't win by being co-opted into situations that exploit us."

It was quite the spectacle. The Board chambers were packed with queers and fundamentalist "phobes" sporting day-glo orange and green stickers (Gee, where did they get *that* idea?) which declared, "Stop the Politics of Terror In San Francisco" and "Support Tolerance"—for Sheldon and his ilk that is. The crowd was restive. Outside the chambers in the packed rotunda, riot police faced off gays, lesbians and fundies. This reporter was even threatened with arrest merely for trying persistently to get an interview with Sheldon.

As for Sheldon, Innes and Lumpkin? They were protected by a goon squad of over 30 church-guys in sweaters, adept in the art of blocking access to fundamentalist clerics—to all but a favored few. Three arrests were made, all of queers who challenged the fundies in some way. One was body-blocked and slammed against a wall by one of Sheldon's goons, then arrested. Johnathan Katz was arrested trying to "engage Sheldon in dialogue," and Ray Russ allegedly spat at Sheldon. All through the afternoon City Hall had a siege mentality and no longer felt like a safe space.



Peas in a Hateful Pod: The Unholy Revs Eugene Lumpkin (left) and Lou Sheldon. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland.

It was media hog-heaven for Sheldon: a win-win soundbite and visuals fest for the fundies. "It was Kafkaesque, bizarre. They got their soundbites and media pitch," said Shelley. "We were clearly being taken for a ride," added Migden aide Dana Van Gorder, "It was sort of disgusting."

It was a lose-lose day for the gay, lesbian and bisexual community, and progressives in general—and the media coverage that day showed it. But queer activist Gerard Koskovich argues it is essential that the community stand up and get in the fundies' face, one way or the other. "We can't prevent being used," opined Koskovich. "I believe a righteous and forcible show of anger on our part is the correct thing to do. The other option is to lie down and take it. They would use that against us. If we ignored them, they would walk all over us!"

Koskovich added, "We should just do what we think is right to maintain our dignity. And as for how the Christians use it—fuck 'em."

And use it they will. Fundamentalists can spot a money tree at 50 paces. "You mention homosexuality and the pocketbooks fly open," groaned Alioto aide Jerry Windley. Sure enough, the only exclusive soundbite *SF Bay Times* managed to extract from Sheldon that day was, in typically hyperbolic fashion, "You know what MacArthur said when he left Bataan!"

Yes indeed, Lou "will be back" on Nov. 21. He is making another special appearance for evening service at Pastor David Innes' Hamilton Square Baptist Church, the site of the now infamous Sept. 19 demonstration at Hamilton

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Square Baptist Church. (See *SF Bay Times*, "Felony Charges Possible For Sept. 19 Sheldon Protest," Nov. 4, 1993.)

WHOSE HIDDEN AGENDA? THEIR HIDDEN AGENDA

Context is everything. And according to Pastor Jeff Johnson of the First United Lutheran Church, the context for Sheldon's appearance at City Hall, along with pastors from around the country, was simple: "It was not free speech or freedom of religion. It was 'Let's create a photo opportunity for national organizing.' " He asserts, "It was a calculated measure to get us to respond."

There were really two demonstrations that day, overt and covert. One was for media consumption and the other was a demonstration of how fundamentalist spin-meisters actually operate. Although Innes and other right-wingers assert they were at City Hall to protest violations of their freedom to worship on Sept. 19 when Sheldon appeared at Innes' church, Pastor Johnson and other activists see another motive at work. "The fundamentalists have chosen San Francisco as a city of action and Hamilton Square Baptist Church as a foundation stone" to organize against gays and lesbians, says Johnson, who helped found the Rapid Response Network, an interfaith group designed to counter the religious right.

Nov. 8 was the first of what will probably be many battles. Anti-gay fundamentalist strategies include co-opting the language of gay liberation. In the board chambers, Pastor Raymond Kwong denied being a hatemonger, saying, "We are coming out of our closets. We will get organized and create a strong coalition for minorities!"

"We are not second-class citizens," continued Kwong. "We call upon you to stop this reign of terror in this city! We will stop being silent about this blatant violation of our Bill of Rights." Harry Barko, an officer of Hamilton Square Church, moved the martyrdom meter up a notch by comparing gay and lesbian protesters at the Sept. 19 demonstration with the Nazis on *Krystallnacht* in Germany. "The world did nothing and the world continued to deny the evidence until 6 million perished," he said.

Jim Lewis of ACT UP/SF offered a different interpretation of *Krystallnacht*. "The Nazis had the 'highest moral ideals.' Most of the German people went along because they were decent people. They were going to cleanse the world and cure it of Jews, homosexuals and Catholics. Now we have a new group seeking ethnic cleansing in San Francisco and this, outrageously enough, is based on sexual behavior."

But it was Carl Herbster, who traveled all the way from Kansas City representing the American Association of Christian Schools, who came closest to acknowledging the real agenda of the day. "It is bad enough when we...see this city council giving protected rights to homosexuals as a minority group and comparing them to the African Americans. But it is even worse when you give them privileged status." Herbster was appalled that the Sept. 19 protesters had not all been arrested and charged.

In addition, Herbster made wild threats of christian business boycotts. He said "thousands" of hotel reservations had been canceled, "millions" of signatures had been collected, and alleged that even John Major, prime minister of England, has been made aware of the situation in San Francisco.

"I have not heard from the Chamber of Commerce," declared Shelley later, ridiculing Herbster's claims of boycotts, adding, "That guy from Kansas City was obnoxious."

As fundamentalists catapulted the issue of religious tolerance— or lack thereof—into a national media event, activist Peggy Sue highlighted and contextualized queers' continuing civil rights struggle merely for the right to exist. "San Francisco is a city of refuge for us: gay men, lesbians and bisexuals. We come here to escape hostility, to escape bigotry, to escape hatred and physical harm perpetrated on us by our families, by our neighbors and by the churches in which we were raised," said Peggy Sue. "Now, the same intolerant bigots that drove us from our homes are here in San Francisco."

The gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities' reaction to Innes' and Sheldon's presence was visceral, territorial and fearful. "As a gay man in San Francisco, it scared the hell out of me," said Alioto aide Windley. "I never thought I would live to see the day that Sheldon came to San Francisco to preach his hatemongering."

THE REAL DEAL: BEHIND THE SCENES

Lou Sheldon came looking for trouble and was determined to capture it, one way or the other. He struck gold when Ray Russ—aka Barbie Jesus—allegedly spat at Sheldon. It was unclear whether or not spittle actually flew. But whatever happened, Sheldon slapped his hand to his face as if struck, his features contorted in murderous rage and he started yipping like Ross Perot. Sheldon pointed at Barbie Jesus and had him hauled off by the SFPD.

News hounds in the vicinity were not impressed. Neither was Shelley. "[Sheldon] turns and gestures violently to the police in complete rage so his photographer can pick it up. It was staged!" Shelley said, "Something happened, but it is just what he wanted. That is why they came to our city, to make a statement for their viewership *outside* our city."

While Sheldon was the star attraction, it was Hamilton Square Baptist Church's pastor, David Innes, who ran the show. Over and over again, reporters were directed to Innes, as the fundamentalists in City Hall refused to speak to the press. The few who did talk to reporters got dirty looks from gray-suited church personnel, and soon shut up. Even Rev. David McIllhenny, whose claim to fame was organizing a campaign against domestic partners legislation in the City, apologetically declined comment, saying, "You have to talk to the man in charge."

It was Innes who sent out a nationwide press release about the Sept. 19 protest. This document resulted in the supervisors being inundated with phone calls and letters demanding prosecutions of demonstrators. It was Innes who has flatly denied any connection with the TVC, yet invited Sheldon to San Francisco—twice. It was Innes who has declared he is not homophobic, yet included in his Nov. 8 press release a letter printed in the *Chronicle* complaining of naked butts at the Folsom St. Fair.

The images presented to the press were carefully crafted. At Hamilton Square Church, Sheldon, Innes and Lumpkin were backed by a troop of Christian ministers of color. They in turn were surrounded by a phalanx of 30 African American bodyguards. Innes and Sheldon were the only white guys present.

When the fundamentalists arrived at City Hall, they surged up the steps in a flying-wedge formation, discreetly strong-arming those who got in their way. Depending on where you stood, the show of force was either very paranoid or very provocative. Unfortunately, their hopes of a brawl on the steps of City Hall were dashed. No hordes of angry gay activists awaited them—just a few media hogs in conspicuously outrageous drag, who probably looked great on CBN—the Christian Broadcasting Network.

Inside the chambers the fundamentalists portrayed themselves as a persecuted minority. But

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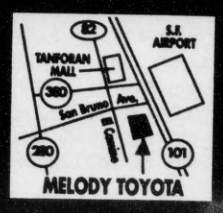

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outside in the rotunda, they were in complete control. Innes was exceedingly careful about who he, Lumpkin and Sheldon spoke to. An *Examiner* reporter was allowed inside the two-deep circle of bodyguards around Sheldon, but efforts by the *SF Bay Times* to attend the interview were met by a solid wall of nice sweaters and police warnings. Innes was happy to talk to the *Chronicle*, but started hysterically screaming "harassment!" the moment an *SF Bay Times* tape recorder got anywhere near him. The alternative press did not get a word in.

Innes flatly refused to speak to the *SF Bay Times* either that day or in several follow-up calls. Sheldon and Lumpkin also refused comment. Could this be a pattern?

Son of Lou, Steve Sheldon, contacted at TVC headquarters in Anaheim, interrupted watching Rush Limbaugh long enough to address charges that his father's appearance in San Francisco was pure provocation and hype. Sheldon Jr. was not amused: "I'm very disgusted that personal property was damaged, people were attacked, my father was spat on, and all you have to do is make accusations? It is yellow journalism and the *SF Bay Times* has gone to an all-time low!"

A CITY IN THE CROSS HAIRS: WAKE UP DAMMIT!

CBN's coverage of Nov. 8 was ecstatic. CBN reporter Richard Hunt declared in his report after the board meeting: "At Hamilton Square the mood was joyous, not because any supervisors had been won over, but because politicians had shown their true colors, and Christians had taken a bold stand in the chamber of what is most likely the most pro-homosexual city government in America."

The Christian right has been itching to go after San Francisco for years. And now in the midst of the most organized and effective nationwide anti-gay resurgence in years, political blunders and incoherent strategies in San Francisco handed the Christian right an opportunity to blast away with every weapon in their arsenal.

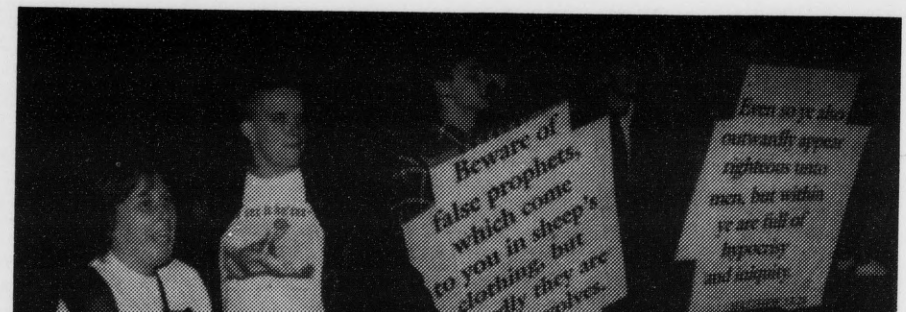
The first fusillade was the Lumpkin affair. Bungled by all sides, it gave the Christian right a foot in the door. Next was the Sept. 19 action which now has celebrity status by being framed as an issue of religious freedom, not homophobia. Finally we have the "Brave Christians Confronting a San Francisco Board of Supervisors Cowed By The Power of the Homosexual Lobby." (Do they even know, or care, that two of the supervisors are lesbians?)

And of course the entire controversy is being brought to America care of Pat Robertson's CBN, which has filed three stories on the Hamilton Square incident and it's repercussions, Innes' press releases, and Lou Sheldon's fear-mongering and fundraising diatribes. (One Sheldon letter implied that protesters on Sept. 19 wanted him and the congregation in a "carnal" way. Dream on, Lou.)

The situation in San Francisco is distressingly familiar to Hans Johnson, a field coordinator with People For The American Way in Washington D.C. He says such tactics are used nationwide. "There is an increasing effort by the religious right to characterize any political criticism of the religious right as religious bigotry," says Johnson. "[They] misrepresent political opposition to their agenda as an attack on their religious identity."

Johnson says while religious rights should be respected, "It is dangerous when a political group hides behind religious freedom to immunize itself from political discussion." But in San Francisco the immunization was largely successful; thus discussion, and media explanations, of what happened on Nov. 8 and Sept. 19 have been largely framed by the right wing.

Never once has Innes or Sheldon acknowledged there is a political component to their agenda—it is all morality and respect for religious freedom. Never once, with the exception of Carl Herbster, did they admit publicly that homophobia is part of their campaign. Those protesting the political ideas of the Christian right are cast as anti-religious bigots. But, as Rebecca Hensler of ACT UP/SF put it, "We do not demonstrate against their spiritual beliefs: we demonstrate against their political efforts to take from us our rights and our lives."



The infamous Sept. 19 protest at Hamilton Square Baptist Church. What a riot! (NOT) Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland.

Father Armand Kreft, of the Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley, has seen such games before: "It is the politics of fear, hatred and bigotry. They are playing ethnic minorities against each other. They go into places where they are not wanted and force their agenda on other people. They are the 1990's inquisition."

NOBODY'S FOOLS

One of the most successful organizing tools for the religious right nationally is the use of race to split nascent, or fragile, coalitions between African Americans and gay, lesbian and bisexual communities perceived as largely white. In Cincinnati, voters threw out the city's gay rights ordinance after determined organizing and widespread distribution of anti-gay videos among that city's African American religious community.

In San Francisco, the Lumpkin affair allowed right-wingers to try a divide-and-conquer strategy. Their effort was made easier by insensitivity and racism in the white gay, lesbian and bisexual community. Right-wingers, among them Sheldon and the Rutherford Foundation, leaped to exacerbate pre-existing rifts between the two communities. The rather crass attempt to exploit race continued on Nov. 8 with the African American honor guard, as well as the pointed inclusion of Lumpkin and other conservative ministers of color in Innes and Sheldon's march to City Hall.

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San Francisco's African American religious community is not buying Sheldon's bill of goods. Such heavy hitters as Rev. Amos Brown, Rev. Cecil Williams, Rev. Yvette Flunder and Lefty Gordon are loudly rejecting the Christian right's message. Another prominent African American leader even promises to have a little chat with Rev. Eugene Lumpkin: "He is being used," says that leader. "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts, as the old saying goes. Hopefully [Lumpkin] will wake up."

Rev. Amos Brown stressed that the image presented of African Americans protecting Sheldon "must not be seen as authentic." While not pleased by the Sept. 19 protest against Sheldon, Brown was even less impressed by the TVC leader. "Sheldon and his cohorts have never dealt with the issue of equal justice for Black people...The Black community must not be duped, conned and fooled by them."

At his Nov. 14 Sunday sermon, Rev. Williams spoke to his "gay, lesbian and bisexual brothers and sisters," saying he refused an invitation to show up at City Hall for the board meeting with Sheldon. "I know the man hates me, and hates you, and a lot of other folks, and he hates himself. So I am not going over there where all that hate is."

But it was Rev. Yvette Flunder of the City of Refuge Church who most decisively rejected the wedge-driving strategies of the TVC types. "[Sheldon] fits the M.O. of the same kind of folks who have fought hard against everything that has helped the upward movement of the African American community," says Flunder. "How in the hell are they going to change color in the middle of the road? They have never been on our side in any way. The KKK uses the cross. You know what I mean?"

REACH OUT, FIGHT BACK

"The queer community needs to wake up and realize we are under serious attack," warns Jerry Windley. "Regardless of what people think, it *could* happen here." Although that fact seems to be gradually sinking in, no one really seems to know what to do about it.

"I have been on the phone for a week now to try and figure out what to do," says Ken Bukowski, president of the Harvey Milk Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Democratic Club. "No one has come up with a sophisticated strategy. Now we are in a defensive mode." Neither the Stonewall or Alice B. Toklas Gay/Lesbian Democratic Clubs returned calls for comment.

While the clubs may be stuck for an answer about how to deal with this latest salvo from the the Christian right, the interfaith Rapid Response Network (RRN) and FISH (Fighting Intolerance, Scapegoating and Hatred)—a new gay activist group formed to deal with the latest fundamentalist assualt—are both flexing their muscles. They are trying to devise strategies that go beyond screaming at Christian bigots in a manner that backfires.

RRN's Pastor Johnson says, "We want to help counteract some of what Pat Robertson and Lou Sheldon and the TVC are doing." RRN is phone tree and fax network designed for instant response and media comment whenever the religious right acts. RRN was formed as an offshoot of United in Spirit, a progressive interfaith coalition that includes Jewish people, Episcopalians and African American Baptists.

"It is past the time when we can wait until they do something," warns Johnson. "We must act. We must organize. We must let [the religious right] know they are not welcome in this place, their hatred and ignorance and fear will not be tolerated. *We* respect diversity. *They* should go back to the place they come from—and stay there!"

FISH tried to offer an alternative to the fundies on Nov. 8, with an early morning press conference prior to the fundamentalists' march on City Hall. The press event did get some coverage. FISH is also organizing an evening of partying, education and action in the Castro on Nov. 21 to counteract Sheldon's appearance at Hamilton Square Baptist Church that evening.

Meanwhile, the discussion group made up of representatives of the African American and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities that was formed after the Lumpkin affair is still meeting. On Nov. 6 it discussed Sheldon's appearance at City Hall and met with Rev. Amos Brown, who stated his opposition to Sheldon, and reminded the group of the work that still needs to be done on the issue of racism. Even that was a hopeful sign, because prior to Lumpkin and the Sheldon appearance there would have been no intercommunity discussion.

"What Amos Brown had to say that is very important is that we have not done enough about racism in our own community," said Lestor Olmstead Rose, director of Communities United Against Violence.

The gay community cannot fight the religious right on its own. According to People for the American Way, successful efforts in fighting the religious right involve broad community coalitions including churches, labor unions, business, minority groups and civic organizations sending a clear message "that speaks to the average American's regard for fairness and tolerance."

That is not to say the community can't act alone. Creative strategies are possible. In Oregon when Lon Mabon, leader of the anti-gay Oregon Citizens Alliance, spoke at a small rural church, gays and lesbians showed up in mufti. As Mabon began speaking, Greg LeBlanc, in a letter to Oregon's *Just Out*, wrote, "We subversives began to don the pink felt triangles we had stashed in our pockets. As more and more of the triangles were debuted, you could see these little beads of sweat start to form on what is becoming Lon's chrome dome." The gays and lesbians then walked out, virtually emptying the church to the consternation of the homophobes.

"The moral of the story is this: If a church in your area is sponsoring a Nazi, a fascist or just plain old Lon, grab a bunch of friends and go," writes LeBlanc. "There is nothing we can say to those people that will change their minds, but our silent exodus made a dignified, powerful statement."

The FISH Party, Action and Educational event is on Sunday Nov. 21 at 6:30 in the Castro, at the same time Sheldon will be in the City. The Rapid Response Network is at 152 Church St., SF, CA, 94114. Fax (415) 621-8819. FISH: (415) 431-0617. Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD); (415) 861-4588. Pastor David Innes at Hamilton Square Baptist Church, (415) 673-8586.

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Wake Up And Smell The Brownies: Angela Alioto Backs Medical Pot Legalization

by Tim Kingston

The munchies are saving lives. What was long an irritating side effect of getting high on weed has become a lifesaver for people with AIDS, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. PWAs who smoke or eat marijuana put on weight, and those made nauseous by chemotherapy are able to eat and keep food down. But as growing numbers of patients turn to marijuana to prevent wasting syndrome and nausea, its medical use remains illegal and subject to harsh law enforcement sanctions.

President of the Board of Supervisors Angela Alioto aims to legalize the medical use of marijuana. She is backed by longtime marijuana legalization advocate Dennis Peron, and "Brownie Mary," patron saint of hash brownies for thousands of people with AIDS.

On Nov. 15, the Board of Supervisors voted 7-to-1 in favor of three resolutions authored by Alioto that urge the city, state and federal governments to consider legalizing medical use of marijuana. Only Supervisor Annmarie Conroy voted against the resolutions, which had been unanimously approved by the Health, Public Safety and Enviroment Committee after an initial hearing on Nov. 9.

Alioto is not alone. She has joined a growing chorus of lay and professional people calling for a revision or repeal of federal regulations that define marijuana as a "schedule one" drug (i.e., a substance with no redeeming medical value). In 1978 San Francisco voters approved Prop. W, which urged the absolute legalization of marijuana. Then, when nothing substantive was done about the issue, City voters passed Prop P. in 1991, which urged the legalization of medical marijuana use.

Even the California Medical Association (CMA) got into the act in 1992, approving a resolution urging the legalization of marijuana for medical use. Dr. Todd Mikuriya, the physician who sponsored the CMA resolution, said on Nov. 9, "I urge the supervisors to support these resolutions and turn over medical affairs to the doctors, not the police and lawyers."

Alioto's interest in the legalization of marijuana was sparked by the efficacy of pot in relieving side effects of chemotherapy for her late husband, who died of bone cancer two years ago. "He had been prescribed some joints," said Alioto. "We picked them up at the pharmacy. It was a round, regular prescription bottle with joints in it. Every time he would get nauseous, he'd smoke just a couple of puffs and he'd eat."

But everything fell apart two months before her husband died. Medical marijuana was suddenly denied as a remedy, said Alioto. "The FDA took it off the list and the doctor would not prescribe [medical marijuana] any more. [My husband] stopped eating. He was constantly vomiting, and my children lost their father in July instead of September."

Other witnesses appearing before the committee gave equally distressing renditions of how their access to medical marijuana was abruptly cut off. Samuel Skipper, a PWA from San Diego, had local law enforcement swarm all over his house, confiscating his sinsemilla plants. He was charged with possession and cultivation of marijuana.

"It is an awful thing to be made a criminal when you are just trying to live!" exclaimed Skipper of his pot-growing endeavors. He fought the case, and all charges were subsequently dropped on Oct. 15 this year. But, in the meantime, Skipper had lost 18 lbs. Prior to the seizure of his plants Skipper says he had never been to the doctor with AIDS-related symptoms. But, he charges, the stress of the bust and trial damaged his immune system and sent him to a physician six times.

Charles Caulfield, a controversial writer with the San Francisco *Sentinel*, got busted by the

Dennis Peron (left) has been actively trying to reform marijuana laws since the time of Harvey Milk.

SFPD buying pot in Dolores Park, when his usual sources ran out. He says he was so thin at the time that even the cop who arrested him asked if he needed the drug for medical purposes.

"This is a life-saving therapy," argued Caulfield. "I must have this treatment or my weight drops precipitously." Caulfield explained that if PWAs cannot keep their body weight and muscle mass at an optimal level, the medications they take to treat AIDS are rendered ineffective. Caulfield added that he gained 15 lbs. in four months when he started smoking marijuana.

Other speakers gave similar testimony. The irrepressible Dr. Maggie Rubinstein used pot to ease the pain and nausea of chemotherapy for breast cancer. And many suffering from chronic arthritis are also helped by ingesting or inhaling marijuana. "There is a point where people need palliative care," said Amy Casey, president and founder of Nurses For Social Responsibility. "Marijuana cheers them up. They have an appetite. It helps with hydration. It improves their quality of life."

What really irks veteran hash-brownie-maker Brownie Mary is that after years of describing marijuana as second in evil only to Lucifer, the federal government has now licensed Marinol. This is the a chemically synthesized equivalent of THC—the active ingredient of marijuana. "They turn around and use patients as pawns by letting a drug company synthesize the main cannaboid...and sell it at $788 a month per patient for 2.5 mg pills," said Brownie Mary, exclaiming, "That is bullshit!" Worse yet, according to marijuana activists, the artificial stuff not only doesn't get people high, its dosage cannot be controlled as effectively as when an individual decides how many hits to take off a joint.

Proponents of legalizing marijuana for medical use found willing ears not only among the Supervisors, but also in the mayor's office and at the Health Commission. Jim Lazarus, the mayor's chief of staff, said Jordan is "supportive" of legalizing marijuana if it is strictly for medical use and under a doctor's supervision. Lazarus said as soon as Alioto's resolutions becomes City policy, the mayor's office will be contacting both state and federal officials.

Arthur Jackson, president of the Health Commission, also personally supports legalization of marijuana for medical use. "We have a moral mandate to affirm patients' rights to have anything that will alleviate their pain and suffering," he said. Jackson added he will try to convince the Health Commission to include medical marijuana in the City's master plan for health care.

"Let us hope the federal government moves to reclassify [marijuana]," said Shelley. "There is clear and convincing evidence that marijuana stimulates appetite and relieves the pain of people who are dying. It is one of the least things we can do." Shelley also said that in a harsh budget climate, where the mayor is calling for more police on the streets, it makes sense to stop police from wasting their time in the enforcement of prohibitions against medical marijuana use.

Supervisor Kevin Shelley added it is important for San Francisco to take the lead in endorsing legalization of marijuana for medical use—so other cities can use San Francisco as an example of common sense in an ocean of drug-war hysteria.

Even veteran marijuana legalization advocate Dennis Peron is starting to see light at the end of the tunnel. "We are getting somewhere, slowly but surely.... It will take a while, [but] the drug was never dangerous. I predict a victory someday."

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6th Annual Creating Change Conference: NAFTA, Jesus, And Bargain Shopping

by Keith Hartman

DURHAM, N.C. - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force kicked off its sixth annual "Creating Change" Conference on Nov. 12. The opening event was a press conference on the stage of the Durham Omni Hotel. Mab Segrest, one of the plenary speakers, spoke about the dangers of "virulent capitalism in which masses of humans become pawns for the profits of a few" and called for the formation of a "gay socialism." She went on to attack the Persian Gulf War and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The Gulf War and NAFTA? I have to admit that I wasn't the only reporter who was wondering what any of this had to do with gay and lesbian civil rights. Still, NAFTA is big news these days, so we all jumped on it during the question-and-answer session with Deborah Johnson-Rolon. She attempted to clarify Segrest's remarks for us.

"Part of what I was talking about in my remarks was about building a struggle, building a progressive movement for change that protects the civil liberties of not just gay men and lesbians and bisexuals, but of people of color and working-class people. So our support for the defeat of NAFTA is one of the many issues that the gay, lesbian and bisexual community is involved in."

When asked if opposing NAFTA was a part of NGLTF's agenda, she responded, "Well, we're talking about it now in the organization, and I absolutely anticipate that we will be sending a letter to President Clinton and the Congress in the next few days."

GATHERING IN THE DEEP SOUTH

This is the first time that NGLTF has held the conference outside a major city, and it is also the first time the conference has been in the South. Much was made of this in the morning's speeches—how courageous NGLTF was being, how this showed that North Carolina was more progressive than most people realized, and how this shows NGLTF's dedication to changing the lives of gay people in the South. In point of fact, though, North Carolina had gotten the conference through a fluke. The hotel in Washington had canceled, and Durham happened to have a cheap hotel that could be booked on short notice. I have to admit, though, that explanation wouldn't have made for a very good opening-day speech.

The Creating Change Conference is an annual training ground for gay and lesbian activists. This year, some 1,200 of them gathered to study lobbying techniques, computer networking, Southern organizing, health care issues, anti-violence work, and a score of other topics. And although most of the programs were strictly educational, a few took on a life of their own.

The youth organizing intensive, for example, turned into a youth protest. As some of the youth saw it, no one else in the gay and lesbian community listens to them or takes them seriously. As Julian Mejia puts it, "Every time we have a meeting for youth, it turns into a meeting for youth service providers, and then *they* talk about what *we* need." This year, the youth excluded the service providers from some of their meetings, and drafted a set of demands which they presented at three protests staged around conference functions. These included the demands that NGLTF reserve two of the 24 seats on its board of directors for youth members, that it provide scholarship money and living expenses for gay and lesbian youth who are kicked out by their parents, and that NGLTF take immediate action to stop the high rate of suicide among gay and lesbian teenagers.

By far the most popular program at this year's conference was the "Fight the Right" intensive. This program examined the religious right's organizing methods, their fundraising techniques, and the psychology of its members. Various counter-strategies were discussed, such as using liberal clergy to speak on behalf of gay causes. Still, at times the program broke down into "Let's Fight Each Other." After one panelist commented that gay Republicans were voting with their wallets rather than their consciences, a member of the audience stood up to object.

"I'm a gay man, and I'm a Republican. And while the Republican party may not meet all my needs, it does come the closest *for me*. I was raised in a Republican family. I think you people need to wake up and realize that we need to be working for change from inside both parties. You should be helping me to try and keep the religious extremists from dominating my party."

Another man rose in response.

"I'm a gay man, and I'm a Democrat. And I support my gay brothers in the Republican party, because we in the Democratic party have it easy. They're the ones who are dealing with the religious right on a daily basis. They're the ones who are breaking new ground."

The two men's speeches were met with an odd mixture of applause and jeers.

UNDERTONES

"There's a real socialist undertone to a lot of what goes on here," said one activist from upstate New York. "I want to work for gay rights, but I don't know that I agree with some of the rest of this."

"I've been confused by a lot of stuff that's been turning up in our agenda," admitted another person I talked with. "Like in the demands for our March on Washington, there was this line about China's most favored nation trading status—

Veterans Day Vigil Color Guard at the Conference. Since they're on active duty with the military, they had to wear masks.

where the hell did that come from?"

Throughout the conference, I found myself wondering what "The Gay and Lesbian Rights Agenda" really means. For a number of people, it clearly includes defeating NAFTA, pacifism, and voting Democrat. They see these issues as a natural extension of their belief in basic human rights for everybody, gay or straight. The trouble was that other reasonable gay men and lesbians, with an equal commitment to human rights, could well disagree with these positions. The conference raised, but did not resolve a troubling question: Do we make our cause stronger or weaker by taking on issues that are not directly related to gay and lesbian civil rights? As we gain allies, do we lose some of our own people? To what extent can we agree to disagree? Is it better to move forward on a broad range of issues, or on a narrower field to which more of us can agree?

GAYS IN THE MILITARY

As the 1993 winner of the War Resistors League's Peace Award, Mandy Carter was in a bit of an awkward position when the NGLTF called on her to speak at the conference's Friday vigil for gay veterans. As she told the crowd which had gathered, "When the whole issue of gays in the military came up, it created a very interesting challenge for those of us who had been doing anti-war organizing for many years. The biggest challenge was to say that while we might question the institution, we must challenge the discrimination which happens in the single largest employer in the country, which is the U.S. military. And once I got that straight—or gaily forward—I had no problem going out to organize."

The Veterans' Day Vigil proved to be the high point of the conference. Although an ugly looking crowd had gathered across the street, everyone relaxed upon realizing that they were not protesters but shoppers—there was a midnight madness sale at a store down the street. Marianne Franklin of the National Organization for Women expressed the disappointment everyone felt over the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. "Many of us are outraged that the fight for gay and lesbian civil rights in the military, that the struggle for civil rights, for women's rights, for the right to be free of violence, has once again been limited to the homophobic fear of straight men showering with gay men."

Beth Harrison of the North Carolina Veterans' Coalition put it best, though. "Tonight we celebrate all those who died defending a democracy that does not protect them."

The vigil was held on the same day that a federal judge upheld a lower court's ruling that Sergeant Justin Elzie, an openly gay marine, must be reinstated into the corps. In the words of the judge, "This policy is so un-American it's unbelievable."

Elzie was joined at the vigil by a color guard of four other gay men and lesbians currently on active duty. They were dressed in black and wore ski-masks. As Beth Harrison explained, "They wear masks, because otherwise, they would be joining me tomorrow as military veterans."

The American flag carried by the color guard in the ceremony was of special significance. It had once flown over the nation's Capitol, and had been given to a gay soldier for his outstanding service during the Desert Storm. The flag had been presented to the soldier by his senator, one Jesse Helms.

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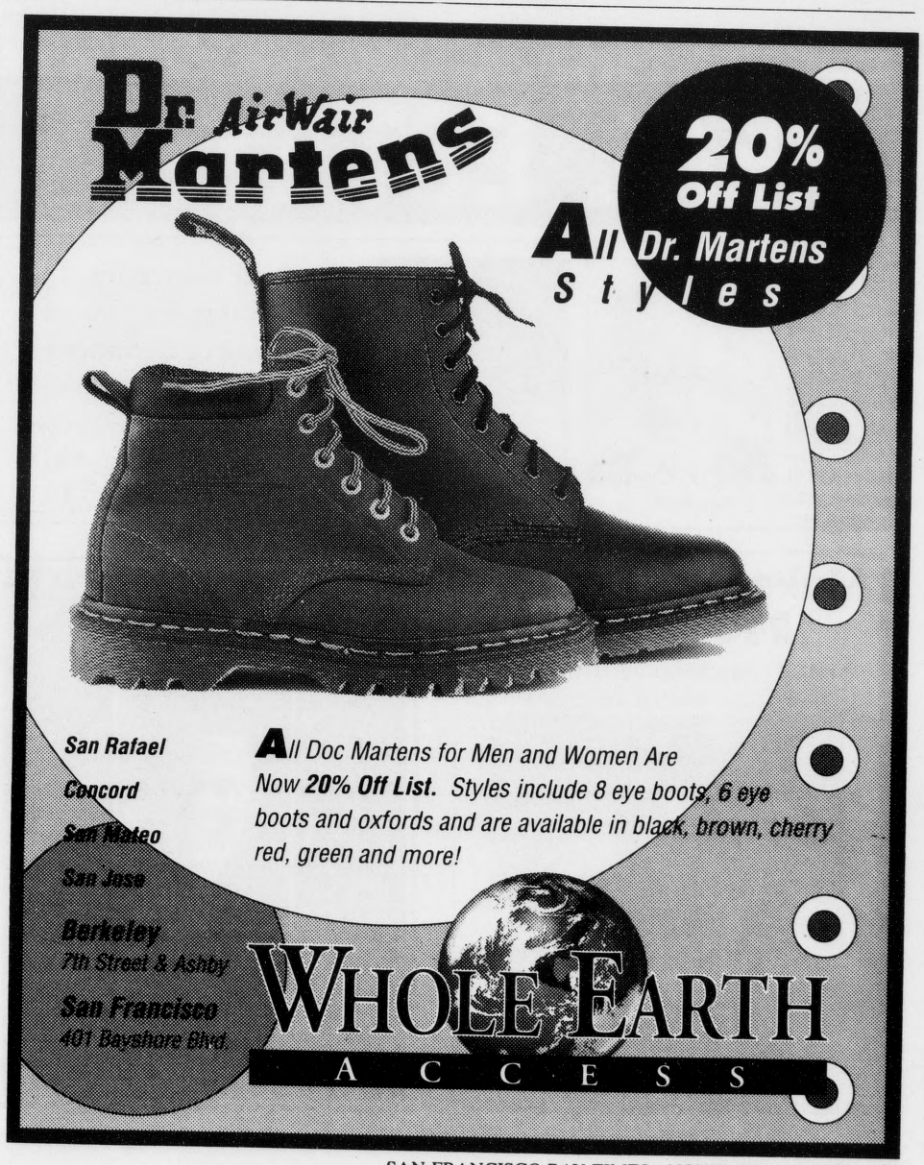
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Numerous contributers to the James White Review: A Gay Men's Literary Quarterly celebrated ten years of the magazine's publication on Nov. 11 at Modern Times Bookstore. Photo by Rink.

Survey of Bigotry in Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In the wake of reports from three Oklahoma members of the U.S. House that they would not hire queers for their staffs, the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) is conducting a survey of all members of Congress to determine who opposes discrimination against gays/lesbians/bisexuals in the workplace.

The Okie congressmembers—Jim Inhofe (R), Ernest Istook (R) and Bill Brewster (D)—informed the Tulsa World on Oct. 3 that they would not employ out gays or lesbians. The HRCF has requested meetings with the three lawmakers. In addition to the survey and the meetings, HRCF is requesting that members of Congress address the issue of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in speeches on the floors of both the House and the Senate.

Milk Candlelight March

SAN FRANCISCO - The annual Harvey Milk memorial candlelight march this year will be more spectacular than ever—with names you may not have heard for the 15 years since the city's first out gay supervisor was shot along with then-mayor George Moscone.

A plaque commemorating Milk will be dedicated at 7 pm on Sat. Nov. 27 at the site of his camera shop on Castro between 18th and 19th where The Skin Zone is now located. Present will be notables such as Tom Ammiano, Harry Britt, Denis Peron, Wayne Friday and Scott Smith.

At 7:30 the candlelight march will proceed from The Skin Zone to Market and on down to the Civic Center, where the Gay Men's Chorus (which sang for the first time on the steps of City Hall on the night Milk was killed), Glide's Rev. Cecil Williams and others will be heard.

The event is sponsored by the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club. A chance to witness a piece of our queer history here in the "gay mecca."

Lambda Sues Cincinnati

CINCINNATI - The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund filed suit on behalf of five lesbians and gay men and two civil rights organizations in an Ohio federal court seeking to block an anti-gay initiative passed by Cincinnati voters at the beginning of November.

If allowed to take effect, the initiative, known as Issue 3, would amend the city's charter to prohibit the city from protecting lesbians, gay men and bisexuals against discrimination or enacting any laws on their behalf.

Represented by Lambda, the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, and Cincinnati civil rights lawyer Alphonse Gerhardstein, the plaintiffs assert that Issue 3 violates their fundamental constitutional rights to political participation, free expression and equal protection under the law.

Stars to Honor Vanguard

SAN FRANCISCO - The Vanguard Foundation, long a supplier of money to progressive causes, is celebrating 21 years of giving with a Nov. 20 gala that features former SF Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, singer Harry Belafonte, author Alice Walker, actress Whoopi Goldberg, activist Dolores Huerta and filmmaker Pratibha Parmar.

Entertainment is being provided by Carlos Santana and members of the Machete Ensemble. Among Vanguard's many recent grantees are the Asian Law Caucus, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Centro del Pueblo and the Black Women's Health Project.

The gala is being held at the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco. Tickets are $100 (general admission). For info, call (415) 252-5677.

If the price of this ticket is too steep, $3 will pay your way into a benefit for Mayor Frank Jordan's favorite group—Bread Not Bombs, at the Sacred Grounds Cafe, Hayes and Cole streets at 8 p.m. Entertainment will be provided and rumor has it the mayor will not be there. How disappointing.

Another National Group?

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Leaders of Gay and Lesbian Americans (GLA) have announced a summit to formally organize a new democratically run national group for the gay/lesbian/bisexual community. The summit will be held over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend, Jan. 15-17, 1994.

The purpose is to bring together gay/lesbian/bisexual grassroots leaders who are interested in forming a national group with state and local chapters. Issues to be discussed include: establishing local chapters, organizing phone trees and letter-writing commitees, and developing a gay/lesbian agenda.

If you plan to attend, notify the group by Dec. 31, 1993. Letters of intent should go to GLA, Box 7533, Washington, D.C., 20013-7533. Suggested donation for the summit is $35, but no one will be turned away due to lack of money.

Exposed to a Nude Picture?

COEUR D'ALENE - A Republican Congressional candidate in this Idaho town is charging that an 11-year old girl was exposed to (horrors!) a picture of a nude woman masturbating in a book about lesbianism at a conference on homosexuality at North Idaho College.

The candidate, Sonny Kinsey, who is also a coordinator for the Idaho Citizens Coalition, which is pushing a statewide anti-gay-rights initiative similar to the one in Colorado, says the girl saw the book at a display. The girl in question is the daughter of a college staff member. The conference, "Issues Dealing with Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth in our Community," was for youth 13 and up.

Now It's Brain Waves

DENVER - It used to be dominant mothers and absent fathers. Then it was smaller hypothalami. Now it's that the brains of gay men are stimulated by sound differently than those of their het counterparts.

Science marches on. According to Dr. Martin Reite at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, a study of 17 (count them, 17!) adult males shows that gay men process sound waves in a manner that's somewhere between a het male and a het female.

Confused? "This indicates that there are genetic and biological differences in the brain that correlate to sexual orientation," says Reite. Oh.

Reite hopes to continue his research with more gay men and even some lesbians.

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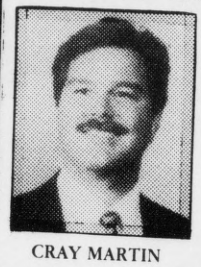

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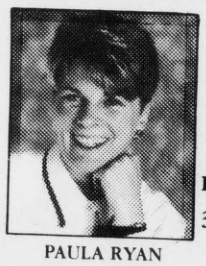

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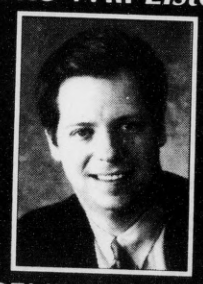

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Marin Town Hall Meeting

MARIN - The gay, lesbian and bisexual community here will hold its first "town hall" meeting on Saturday, Nov. 20, with Roberta Achtenberg as keynote speaker.

The gathering, set for 1 pm at Olney Hall auditorium at the College of Marin (Kentfield), will provide a speak-out by the community, as well as panel discussions led by experienced local activists. The panels include: resources and communications, issues, appointed offices and elections and elective offices.

For more info, call the Town Hall Committee at (415) 258-0686.

Case Against Medical Center Goes Forward

SAN FRANCISCO - Superior Court Judge William Cahill recently denied California Pacific Medical Center's motion for summary judgement in a gay employment discrimination case brought by former employee Carlos Rodriguez; the case is now in trial.

Rodriguez sued the center last year when his employment as a billing account representative was terminated after two years. At the time, Rodriguez had excellent performance reviews and an exemplary work record.

The center claims Rodriguez was terminated due to a reduction in force. But the suit claims he had more seniority and a better work record than many others.

First API National AIDS Agenda

SAN FRANCISCO - The first-ever HIV/AIDS national policy agenda specific to Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities was released recently, identifying several critical barriers to providing services and programs for APIs.

Written by the Asian/Pacific AIDS Coalition (A/PAC), an umbrella organization for over 30 agencies and individuals, the U.S. National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Agenda cites the lack of understanding of the communities' diverse cultures as a major contributor to the underfunding of API services by local, state and federal agencies.

The document also notes that APIs are still demographically accounted for as "other" or "missing" or "unknown race" in some states, and it is not uncommon for APIs to be misclassified under other races such as "Native American" or "White." Only Los Angeles, New York City, Oakland, San Francisco and the state of Hawaii have demographic breakdowns of API communities by ethnicity.

Rafael Chang, public policy director for A/PAC, said, "How can we expect HIV education and prevention programs to be effective when we don't even have accurate surveillance data to tell us who to target these programs to?"

The document recommends, among other things, that health care be a universal right, and that recent immigrants be granted ready access to health care.

At the Bay Area Non-Partisan Alliance Dinner Supe. Susan Leal (far left) presented Sherry Harris of Seatle a Special Achievement Award, and Calif. Secretary of State candidate Tony Miller presented Don Disler an award for his community contributions. Photos by Rink.

Chicago Man Wins Harassment Suit

CHICAGO - Under the terms of a settlement negotiated by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and approved by the Windy City's Commission on Human Relations, a Chicago company will compensate a gay man it let go after he reported anti-gay harassment and threats of physical violence from a supervisor.

The company, Noble Horse Coach carriage company, also issued an apology to the employee, Tony Scott, and will provide sensitivity training on sexual orientation issues to its employees.

The complaint arose from incidents that occurred over Labor Day Weekend in 1992, when, according to Scott, a co-worker became verbally abusive and physically threatening to him, shouting anti-gay epithets.

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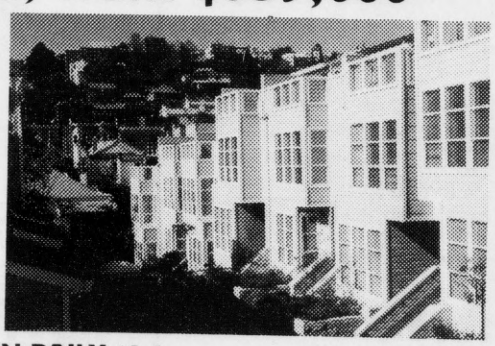

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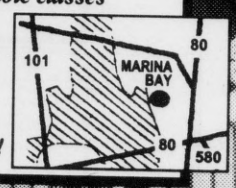

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From Silence to Celebration

LOS ANGELES - The Seventh Annual National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference, slated for Feb. 17-21 at the Meadowlands Hilton in Secaucus, N.J., has as its theme, "Black Gays and Lesbians: From Silence to Celebration...Beyond the 28 Days."

The conference will celebrate past contributions Black gays and lesbians have made to the world and the need to focus on the present contributions they make on a day-to-day basis beyond the month of February (Black History Month), hence the reference to "beyond the 28 days" in the title.

The conference will draw national and international participants from as far away as South Africa. Workshops and institutes are facilitated by African-American gays, lesbians and transsexual/transgendered persons. Topics include: self-empowerment, culture/arts, family issues, youth, heterosexism, homophobia, health, public policy, economics and gay/lesbian issues.

The conference is currently soliciting workshop presenters, vendors and volunteers for the five-day event. For info, call (213) 964-7820.

Lantos Lauded by Gay Group

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Gay and Lesbian Labor Activists Network of the National Capital Area (GALLAN) lauded Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.) for raising concerns about the abuse of gay and lesbian rights in Mexico in a hearing in D.C.

Lantos, chair of the House Subcommittee on Human Rights, "is the first member of Congress to focus concern on the appalling record of Mexico on gay and lesbian rights," said GALLAN spokesperson Van Sheets. "We applaud his initiative to include lesbian and gay rights along with the dismal track record of Mexican authorities on labor rights, worker safety and health issues, the use of censorship, and blacklisting of journalists who question government conduct."

Lantos is against NAFTA, being pushed by our so-called pro-human-rights administration in D.C. Since 1991, a campaign has been waged in the state of Chiapas to eliminate gays and transvestites, possibly under the direction of various police corporations and with the involvement of the army.

Study on Children of Lesbian Mothers

SAN FRANCISCO - A lesbian researcher at the University of California at San Francisco is looking for children of lesbian mothers between the ages of 11 and 18 to participate in a groundbreaking study of the development of children in lesbian-headed families.

Dr. Tamar Gershon, director of the Rainbow Clinic, a pediatric clinic for children with lesbian/gay parents, and principal investigator in the study, says, "It could make a major contribution to the dearth of information that exists about lesbian and gay families in both the psychological and the pediatric literature."

Parental consent is required and all study info will be kept confidential. Study participants will receive compensation. Call Gershon at (415) 476-1777.

NAMBLA Kicked Out of ILGA

BRUSSELS - The International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), an international federation of over 300 lesbian and gay groups, reacted angrily to recent statements by the U.S. government that seem to link them with pedophilia.

The organization also asked one of its members, the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA), to resign or be expelled, in a bid to disassociate itself from the political aims of the group. This action on the part of ILGA followed indications by the United States Mission to the U.N. that it might call for the removal of ILGA's consultative roster status within the U.N., a status granted this summer.

Along with 1500 other non-governmental organizations, ILGA now has the right to attend certain meetings and to submit written commentary relating to human rights issues.

The vote to grant ILGA this status attracted little attention until a small right-wing publication began issuing statements attempting to equate the political aims of NAMBLA with those of ILGA. NAMBLA favors the complete abolition of age of consent laws.

"ILGA has taken very strong, very clear positions on the rights of children," said Rebecca Sevilla, co-chair of ILGA and president of Movimiento Homosexual de Lima.

SF Center for Living

SAN FRANCISCO - For psychological, nutritional and spiritual counseling as well as support groups, workshops, bodywork and classes in living, healing and dying, the City now has the Center for Living at 4054 18th St.

The Center is an organization of volunteers who have come together to support the needs of anyone experiencing a life-challenging illness, whether it be patients, their family, friends or caregivers.

For more info, call (415) 252-1666.

Stop The War on Drugs

BERKELEY - Cannabis Action Network, the United Campus Coalition and over 60 educational and charitable organizations have joined in an effort to end the War on Drugs. Sounds like a good idea to me.

The Stop the Drug War Tour will sponsor events in 50 cities and 11 states in the Western region. The goal is to draw attention to the need for a public health care approach to drug use and to educate citizens on the importance of taking action to change drug policy. Each event is sponsored by local organizations. The tour will stress the need for an immediate change in the laws governing cannabis/marijuana.

For info, call (510) 486-8083 or 655-0763.

Women Push Their Crafts

SAN FRANCISCO - The largest holiday crafts fair in the City, the Celebration of Craftswomen, will mark its 15th anniversary Dec. 4, 5, 11 and 12 at Fort Mason Center's Herbst Pavilion.

This year's celebration will pay tribute to the Year of the American Craft by presenting demonstrations by craftswomen of the Americas. Monica Flores, one of Mexico's most celebrated artisans, will demonstrate her retablos, devotional paintings on tin. Demonstrations will also include

At the 4th Annual Awards Dinner of the Gay and Lesbian Historial Society, honoree Cherrie Morgag gets acquainted with guest speaker Bay Times' columnist Thom Bean. Photo by Rink.

Native American bead work by Jan Keleher; printmaking with Josefina Bates of Colombia and Lorena Camacho of Mexico; and backstrap weaving by Guatemalan artist Santa Perfitt.

The fair runs from 10 am to 6 pm daily. Tickets are $5.

Bits & Pieces I: Local

• The 1994 AIDS benefit calendar, "Focus on the Male Nude," is out now. It features 14 new black and white photos by artist Jeff Palmer, including erotic and non-sexual images of mostly white male couples. Calendars are available through the mail by sending $10.95 plus $2.25 shipping and handling to: AIDS Benefit Calendar/Dept. BT, Box 34012, San Diego, CA 92163.

• Venetia Porter has been named the new executive director of the Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns. She's a former director of the New York State Division of Human Rights Office of AIDS Discrimination Issues and the Rhode Island Project/AIDS.

• Here's a great idea—smoke-free gay bars! Unfortunately, it only happens today—Nov. 18, when the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke Out and the Tobacco Free Bay Area Community Linkage Project gave us a few choke-free spaces in San Francisco and San Jose. Bars cooperating with the effort to protect queer lungs: Rawhide II in SF, and the Saint, Greg's Ball Room and The Watergarden in San Jose.

• From Nov. 1 through Dec. 15, for every cleaning service performed by Diamond Cleaning Services, Diamond will provide a Safeway gift certificate for a groceries for a complete Christmas dinner, including an eight-to-ten pound turkey or small ham. The gift certificates will be distributed by the AIDS Emergency Fund to its

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• Foot-in-Mouth Disease: CBS news correspondent Scott Pelley in reporting on Colorado's Amendment 2, which prohibits any gay rights laws in the state, said, "Basically, Amendment 2 says that homosexuals have no special legal rights in Colorado." SPECIAL legal rights? Why is a newscaster using the buzz phrase of the religious right? The local chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation challenges "anyone who refers to 'special rights' to provide specific examples of such legal protections and to demonstrate how they are in any way 'special' rather than 'equal.' "

• Jeanette Gandionco Lazam has joined the staff of the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum as the Program Manager for the Empowerment through Training and Technical Assistance Program. She comes to the group with five years of experience working with people who have HIV disease. She is currently chairperson of the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission.

• Randy Shilts, journalist, author and AIDS activist, was honored on Nov. 7 at the sixth annual "Together We Care" celebration, a benefit for KAIROS Support for Caregivers. Shilts is author of *And the Band Played On*.

• The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recently passed a resolution calling on the State of California Teachers Retirement System and the California Public Employees Retirement System to vote as stockholders in Cracker Barrel Old Country stores in favor of a policy of non-discrimination against queers. The teachers have 679,474 shares, while the public employees have 244,300 in the company that has fired gay/lesbian employees. A resolution against discrimination is being voted upon at the stockholders' Nov. 23 meeting; that resolution is sponsored by the New York City Employees Retirement System with $6.7 million worth of stock. Money talks.

• The Sonoma State University Office of Residential Life has announced that the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Resource and Referral Hotline has begun operation for the fall 1993 semester. Trained volunteers are standing by Monday through Friday from 5-7 pm to take your calls. The number is (707) 664-3713.

• Christopher Street West/Los Angeles, producers of the annual gay/lesbian/bisexual parade in that city, announced the theme of its 1994 celebration: "Stonewall 25: A Global Celebration." The group is now accepting submissions for the 1994 logo symbolizing that theme. Send those submissions to: Christopher Street West, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 109-24, W. Hollywood, CA 90046, Attn: Michael Yates. All entries should be designed for black and white and a maximum of three colors.

• The times are a changing—and I'm glad: The New College School of Law announced it has enrolled the most racially and ethnically diverse class in the public interest law school's 20-year history. According to Dean Chris Kanios, 46 percent of the new class for 1993-94 school year are people of color. Over 21 percent of the new students identified themselves as lesbian/gay or bisexual on their application forms. "We are proud to be home to such a diverse community," says Kanios.

• In honor of World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, the U.S. Postal Service will issue an AIDS awareness stamp that same day. The Occidental Post Office in Occidental, Calif., will sell the stamps and make a first-day pictorial cancelation of the stamp available to collectors during the event. Laminated pins containing the stamp will also be for sale. For more info, call (707) 874-3606.

• On Nov. 13 Waldenbooks at Serramonte Shopping Center donated 20 percent of the list price of its books to the AIDS Emergency Fund as part of its book fair.

• The "next big thing" on KALX 90.7FM will be a queers in music special on Dec. 6 at 6 pm. Joining host Bob Petrie will be Mark Kleim from the Lavender Lounge, Downtown Donna from Faster Pussycat and Adrian Roberts, music critic for the *BAR*. The focus of the show is on local music.

• Shanti Project is in dire need of volunteers in order to continue its services to people with HIV/AIDS. To volunteers call Darnell Stinson at (415) 777-CARE.

• The Deaf Gay and Lesbian Center has moved to 4035 18th St., Suite 204. The main number is (415) 255-0700 TDD; its info line is (415) 255-9944 TDD. An open house party will be held on Nov. 26 from 1-5 pm. Supe Susan Leal will be on hand to say a few words.

• The AIDS Healthcare Foundation honored Sen. Art Torres (D-Los Angeles) as its Humanitarian of the Year at a dinner on Nov. 12. According to Foundation President Michael Weinstein, "Senator Torres has consistently shown he cares about people with AIDS and their families."

• The American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine is launching a pilot study to test the effectiveness of standardized, prepared herbal formulas for the treatment of chronic diarrhea in persons with HIV. The five-week study is open to all HIV-positive SF residents who have had chronic diarrhea, frequent bowel movements or loose stools over the past 30 days. For more info, call (415) 282-9603.

• An organizational meeting is being held on Nov. 14 to initiate a gay men's genealogical society and to discuss working coperatively on long-term research projects important to gay men. For time, location and further info, call Larry at (415) 647-0637 or Charles at (415) 441-7329.

• The Support Network for Battered Women needs donors for its holiday Adopt-A-Family programs which aid women who have left violent homes and are now living free of violence in a safe house. Especially needed are grocery gift certificates and non-perishable food items, as well as the food for a holiday dinner. Donors can also adopt a family for Christmas, providing food and presents. For info, call (415) 940-7850.

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HIV/AIDS education is just out. It's called "No Alternative" and it features artists including Patti Smith, Soul Asylum, Soundgarden, Smashing Pumpkins, Bob Mould and the Breeders. Its targeted audience is teenagers and twentysomething American males and females.

• Stonewall 25, the massive celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots that sparked the gay liberation (as opposed to homophile) movement in the U.S., has appointed Juan Pablo Ordonez of Bogota, Colombia, as International Affairs Coordinator. Ordonez is an attorney specializing in human rights, a former prosecutor for the court system in Colombia, and an exile in his own country because of his work and his sexual orientation.

• The first AIDS campaign to make AIDS contributions as simple as a trip to the video store, "A Penny for AIDS," will solicit one penny per video transaction from consumers, retailers and all companies involved in the home video industry during the week of Nov. 24-Dec. 1. Nearly 3,000 video retailers, including Tower and Wherehouse Entertainment, have signed on to the campaign thus far.

• La Manzana Grande (the Big Apple for gringos) has a chic new gay club—Nocturnal, which opened with a bang a few weeks ago with an appearance by Boy George. Nocturnal's Halloween blast was dubbed, "Bare As You Dare" and featured the hottest erotic film stars from L.A. as well as go-go boys and new multi-media installations by renowned artist Eric Goode. The club is located at 220 12th Ave. (at 27th).

• The sixth annual National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11 set a record in terms of the number of events nationwide. Cities participating included Dallas, Washington D.C., Los Angeles and Little Rock.

• The 17th Aspen Gay Ski Week will proceed as usual, with an opening party on Jan. 23 at the Hotel Jerome. The week has been the center of controversy lately, as a national boycott has been declared against the state of Colorado because of the passage last year of Amendment 2, which prohibits cities and counties from approving gay rights laws. According to organizers: "It's not that we are for or against the boycott, it's that we have the right to assembly." Amendment 2, meanwhile, is under appeal. A decision may come any day now.

• A new booklet from Partners Task Force for Gay and Lesbian Couples presents a rich array of information and advice for same-sex partners. *The Indispensable Guide*, as it is dubbed, is available for $10.50 from Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109-0685; (206) 935-1206. Also from the same folks: *The Fight Before Christmas*, a video about the failure of blood relatives to recognize our relationships. Order it for $24 from the same address.

Hey Kids! That's School Board Prez Tom Ammiano! He helped out at the fashion show/fundraiser for the National Women's Political Caucus on Nov. 13! Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland.

• The National Commission on Working Women of Wider Opportunities for Women has named its 1993 winners of the Women at Work Awards, honoring five women and organizations that have contributed to changed images of and greater support for the career transitions in women's lives. Among the women named was Congressmember Lynn C. Woolsey of California.

• About 75 anti-gay white supremacist demonstrators in New Hope, Pa., a liberal artists' community outside Philadelphia, were met at a recent rally by 250 pro-gay protestors. A lot of shouting ensued, but no injuries.

• Gays and lesbians in D.C. are opposing President Clinton's nominee for assistant attorney general for civil rights, John Payton, who as head of the solicitor's office has nixed queer marriages. Bring back Lani Guinier!

• Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., has a new policy prohibiting discrimination in the selection of officers in campus groups—and guess who opposes it? You're right! Nine Christian groups at the school say the policy violates their religious beliefs. Quipped Clyde J. Wadsworth, a San Francisco attorney, "It's easy for a group to characterize their popular disapproval of gays and lesbians as a religious belief." Touche.

• AIDS activists disrupted a speech by AIDS czar Kristine Gebbie at a town hall meeting at John Hopkins University in Baltimore Nov. 8. They

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Letters...

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cisco are HIV-positive. Smoking *doubles* the rate of progression to full-blown AIDS. According to the best evidence, prolonged exposure to secondhand smoke has a similar impact. As bar owners, you are in a unique position to make a significant contribution to the health of the community. To whatever extent you eliminate—or even restrict—smoking in your bars, your HIV-positive patrons and employees will reap the benefits.

Since the new bill exempts bars, won't you consider voluntarily making some changes? For those of you with more than one room in your bar, how about experimenting with a smoke-free room? How about one smoke-free night a week to see if your patrons will go for it? To his credit, Ray Chalker is setting a great example by making the Rawhide II smoke-free for the night of Nov. 18 to support the Great American Smokeout.

Part of the tragedy of the AIDS epidemic has been the frustration of not knowing what to do to slow down the progression of the disease. While avoiding smoke and smoky places offers no miracle cure, providing smoke-free spaces is something you *can* do to improve the health of the community. I implore you to do so.

The bars remain a central institution of our community. Please don't make your patrons choose between a night on the town and their well-being. Please don't make your employees choose between their livelihoods and their lives.

Naphtali Offen
President, Coalition of Lavender-Americans on Smoking and Health
San Francisco

Worried About Nan

Tell Nan Parks that she and her friends drink too, too much! They also eat in restaurants quite a bit. Are these healthy meals or are they unbalanced? Maybe they should chat over decafs after 12-step meetings?

A Concerned Reader

P.S. My concern over their drinking is real—but I know Nan isn't. You know how I know? Nan's friend Lois asked Susie too many intelligent questions. A Lois like that wouldn't have the patience to hang around poor Nan.

Funny and Sad

The funniest—and saddest—thing about the Nan Parks column is the response from those WHO DO NOT KNOW (honestly) that she is clearly a male camp version of a woman. Apparently many have met living, breathing women who speak and act like the Nan portrayed in the column. This is one of the saddest faces of our sexist society: that women genuinely become their own parody (of course, I think men end up a parody of themselves, too—who hasn't met a man who seemed like Joe Bob?). Maybe the raucous mail comes from the misogyny inherent in gay camp hitting too close to a nerve?

Robin Artemis
Oakland

One Hot Babe

As a straight man who regularly reads your paper, I think Nan Parks is one hot babe. I presume you cannot give me her phone number, so how about an autographed photo instead? I really like her fashion sense, especially her sweater with those squiggly things all over it.

Also, I wear my T-shirts hanging outside my pants. Does that make me a slob?

Kim Malcheski
San Francisco

P.S.: Don't your readers have a sense of humor?

Reaching Out Across Generations

To Rick Aguirre, "Young-Eyed" columnist:

I read with interest and admiration your report of the youth conference in Beaverton ("Queer Youth Reclaim Conference," *SF Bay Times*, Nov. 4) and wish you continued journalistic successes.

My interest was piqued particularly by Ms. Vasquez's remarks about "intergenerational friendships and social activities to promote the feelings of true family and lineage" taken for granted by many other youth.

I did my teenage stint and came to a realization of Self and Society during the '30s and attribute my personal and social buoyant survival to the many positive, other-generational business and social associations which I made during those (then seeming) long and sometimes painful early years.

If you or anyone else would like to explore Ms. Vasquez's idea, I would be pleased to contribute my experience, thoughts and time to the cause.

Joseph J. Dove
San Francisco

Wake Up Call!

The reality that women, too, become HIV-positive and get AIDS is one wake up call. There is, however, a second wake up call that has gone largely unaddressed: the fact that men simply, and sadly, are not there for women around this, or any other, crisis as women have been for men.

As was reported in the Oct. 28 issue of the *Bay Area Reporter* regarding the march for the late Joan Baker who died of AIDS-related illness, "Men applauded *from* the doors of crowded bars." I was deeply struck by this description, as it symbolizes the unfortunate and unnecessary truth that many men remain on the sidelines when it comes to struggles concerning women.

Take, for another example, the ratio of men and women participating in the annual *Race for the Cure* in connection with breast cancer: disgustingly disparate. I was told by a runner that several men who run in many local races were asked if they would be participating in this particular one. They indicated that they would not be because "that's a

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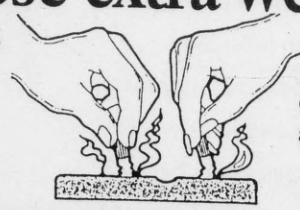
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women's issue,'' they explained.

Jenn Maeder, quoted in the *B.A.R.* article about Joan Baker, states that ''we can't ignore women's needs. This doesn't mean ignore men's needs; we're all in this together.'' I deeply wish we were, but the tables do not turn so easily: I do not believe that men look past themselves in the way that many women do. The caption under the photograph for the Baker march deceptively notes that ''gays, lesbians and bisexuals march in memory of Joan Baker,'' leading us to believe that we're all in this together, as Maeder has indicated. However, there is one man in that photograph of 15 persons (and I'm giving the benefit of the doubt that it is, in fact, a man because this particular face is turned and completely obscured).

When women accept the idea that ''we're all in this together,'' issues primarily affecting men get most of our attention and energy, and we have little left, and get little from, men for our issues. Women—we should be strong and proud about helping other women. Men—we welcome you to give meaningful support to women.

E. Williams
San Francisco

Remarkable Nicoletta

Various people told me they would respond to the Oct. 7 *SF Bay Times* column about Dan Nicoletta. They did not write, so here is my letter. While Dan Nicoletta was praised and his photography work was described, I feel the full expression of the quality of his work and his personality and diplomacy were slighted.

Dan Nicoletta's photography equals and surpasses the best of San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles professionals. The color, crispness and expressiveness he achieves draws murmurs of approval from even the most critical twits at his showings. Even quick comparisons between his portfolio and popular mainstream photographers are an indication that Dan Nicoletta just needs more of the right kind of promotion to hit the highly paid international markets.

The most remarkable quality of Dan besides his work is his strong stomach in dealing with egos bigger than City Hall and chips on shoulders bigger than California. He can speak with and photograph individuals who are so repellent that it is hard to be in the same room with them. His self-assurance and his ability to calm down hilariously crazed and loaded ''stars'' and mold them into one-dimensional works of art is beyond description. He even had a private session with Divine, something I could not deal with mentally or physically after Divine told me how he would make me ''pay.''

And about that mention of my ''ribbing'' Dan about his ''distinct lack of muscle guys in his work,'' I have been confused with some other commercial photographer, maybe Guy Corry. Guy had a studio and residence on Castro Street with naked guys wandering through during lunch and spreading body fluids onto your jacket if it was left on the bed when two of his ''models'' *had to have* each other. It was a great place to eat lunch and Dan Nicoletta and I shared shows with Guy Corry there. My work, though, has little to do with ''muscle guys.'' I have been photographing lesbians and gays since 1969, and I still have my display panels from Harvey Milk's camera store windows, beginning in 1974 (the first in the Castro). I have been told that my photographs of men with men and women with women were the real blatant proof that the neighborhood had changed. It was too blatant for some homophobes in 1977, because they broke Harvey Milk's window after spotting my parade photographs. There is a full range of diversity in my images on those panels: women, people of color, the physically challenged, political and sexual minorities, pagans, bisexuals, transgenders and a few gay white men. There is parity—before the word came into common usage. That was my link with filmmaker Artie Bresson of *Gay USA* (1977), who promoted diversity that has not been matched in lesbian/gay cinema.

There is ongoing negative revision in our history and it is worthwhile to respond to distortions. Some of it is important: When sworn enemies of Harvey Milk, who worked against Harvey on the payroll of L.A. cultists now tell national magazines they were his friends. And others are not as important: an ''enigmatic neo-Edwardian photographer'' described as a conventional stereotype.

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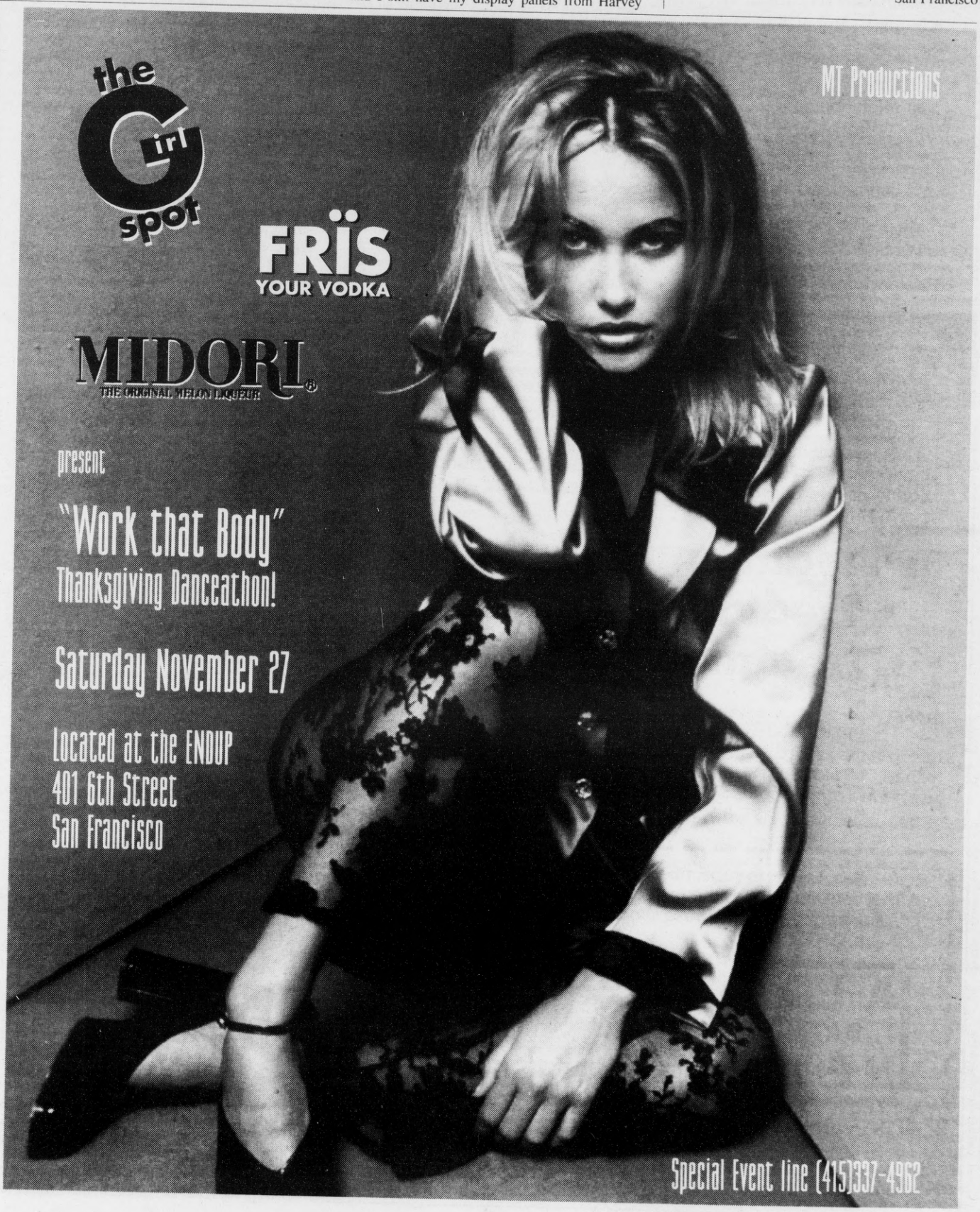

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An Interview with Dr. Mark B. Feinberg

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But what is happening today in the development of viral markers is poorly understood in the AIDS community. People do know that the tests we have now—T-helper count as a measure of immune function, and p24 antigen as a measure of viral activity—have serious drawbacks when used to measure antiviral drug effects. But many do not know how much progress is being made in developing better tests, both for drug trials and for clinical care. These tests are not yet commercially available to physicians, but some of them may come onto the market in the not-too-distant future.

Scientists, physicians and activists have sometimes drawn the wrong conclusions from the atmosphere of gloom which followed the Berlin conference—suggesting, for example, that we cannot rely on laboratory tests in trials of antiviral drugs, and therefore must use only "clinical endpoints"—death or major disease progression—for trials of antivirals. Such a policy would add years to the time required to test potential drugs. And when a drug fails to work, clinical endpoints do not tell why.

In fact, researchers are now learning much more than was known before about HIV pathogenesis, about how to measure it, about why past trials have often failed to provide the information physicians need, and about how to run better trials in the future.

GLOSSARY: VIRAL TESTS

• PCR (polymerase chain reaction). This is a test which detects very small amounts of a specific kind of DNA—the molecule which contains the genetic code of most living things. In nature, DNA is able to reproduce itself inside living cells; this is necessary for life to be able to reproduce. PCR creates conditions in the test tube so that a particular sequence of DNA (if it is present in the sample being tested) can be reproduced; each strand will become two strands. The process is repeated, and the two strands become four, then eight, then 16, etc. After 20 or more cycles of this process, each molecule of the sought-after sequence of DNA will have produced a million or more copies—enough to be easily detected by standard methods, even when the starting concentration was far too low to be detected directly.

[Note: Since HIV is a retrovirus, it does not contain DNA; instead its genetic information is in the form of RNA. A PCR test for HIV usually looks for the RNA of the virus. Before the PCR can be run, the RNA is transcribed into DNA, using an enzyme (reverse transcriptase) which HIV itself uses for this purpose.]

• Quantitative PCR. Originally, PCR could only tell if a particular sequence of DNA was present in a sample or not—it could not tell how much was there. It is difficult to accurately gauge how much, because the successive steps of DNA reproduction are not 100 percent efficient, and errors accumulate throughout the process.

Today, a number of methods of quantitative PCR are being developed. But it is not clear how accurate some of the methods are. Errors of several hundred percent have been common.

• QC-PCR (quantitative competitive PCR). In QC-PCR, a known, tiny amount of a control sequence, similar to the DNA sequence being tested but distinguishable from it, is added to the sample before the PCR process begins. During the successive doublings, both the target sequence (the one being looked for) and the control sequence are multiplied similarly. Finally, the quantity of the target sequence in the original sample is calculated from its ratio with the control sequence. This is more accurate than measuring the total amount of the target sequence, since the inevitable errors in the doubling process affect both the target sequence and the control sequence equally.

Unfortunately, QC-PCR is labor intensive and difficult to do. Therefore it will not be available for routine medical use in the foreseeable future. But it can be used in clinical trials, and can also serve as a "gold standard" by which other tests can be measured.

• Branched DNA assay (bDNA). This test is much easier to run than QC-PCR and gives similar results, except that it will not work at all when the level of virus is very low.

In this test, copies of a DNA probe are attached to the wall of a small laboratory vessel; then the sample is put in. The probe binds to a certain part of HIV RNA, if it is found in the sample, holding the RNA in the vessel. Then another DNA probe is put in; one end of this attaches to another part of the HIV RNA. The other end of this second probe has many branches, and each branch ends with a "reporter" chemical which, under certain conditions, will produce light, which can be detected by laboratory equipment. Each molecule of HIV RNA can attach to one of these branching structures and hold onto a number of the light sources, not just one. In this way, very small amounts of the target RNA can be detected without the need for PCR.

• P24 antigen test. This blood test has been used in medical practice for several years. But recent data is showing that it does not work well to predict clinical outcome. The reason seems to be that the test is often inaccurate; people can be p24 negative and still have large amounts of infectious virus in their blood.

A new version of this test, called the acid-dissociated (or ICD) p24 antigen test, offers some improvement. But it appears to have most of the problems of the original p24 test.

• Viral cultures. In this test, virus is grown from blood cells or blood plasma. To estimate how much virus is present, the sample is successively diluted until no virus is found.

Quantitative viral-culture tests have been used in research for several years. But they are labor intensive and require special facilities, so they have seldom been used in clinical care. Also, they may be less accurate than the newer tests.

THE INTERVIEW

To focus on the new developments in antiviral testing, which are part of this expanding knowledge, we interviewed Mark B. Feinberg, M.D., Ph.D., a scientist at the Gladstone Institute of Virology and Immunology, Director of the Virology Research Laboratory at San Francisco General Hospital, and Assistant Professor of Medicine, Microbiology and Immunology at the University of California, San Francisco. (The Gladstone Institute, a major new research center, is associated with San Francisco General Hospital but largely funded by a private charitable trust.)

What is your main work at the Gladstone Institute?

Our Virology Lab (at San Francisco General Hospital) is responsible for doing virologic characterization of volunteers in drug trials. But our main work at Gladstone is guided by our own interests in better understanding the natural history of HIV disease. We need to understand the natural history to determine whether any intervention is beneficial or not. If you don't know what correlates with disease progression, you're in the dark.

Over the past couple of years, a better understanding of HIV disease has emerged. There is more viral replication going on, even during the asymptomatic phase, than people had suspected. Also, clinical deterioration is presaged in many ways by evidence of increased viral replication—as if the immune system of the infected person is losing its ability to contain viral growth. What may be going on is that as the virus replicates more, it can inflict more damage on the immune system, which consequently further weakens its ability to hold the virus in check.

We, and others, are trying to find ways of accurately monitoring these processes. We certainly need a better baseline description of what's going on in people with HIV. We need to nail down the association between increased viral replication and disease progression. We also need accurate, practical markers for drug trials. The tests that have been available, and the ones that are commonly followed in drug trials, are not very good.

The ideal would be a test that is accurate, that correlates with the fundamental biology of the disease, that predicts future disease progression and the effects of treatments, and that is doable on a large scale. Then clinicians in practice could monitor their patients and get insight

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directly into what is going on, instead of relying on surrogate markers, which have obviously been incompletely helpful.

You would not describe a good viral test as a surrogate marker?

Right, it's a direct marker. Surrogate markers are by definition things other than what you want to measure. Surrogate markers give you a clue about what's going on. But they are only meaningful if they accurately reflect the underlying process. Certainly CD4 counts (T-helper counts) do to a certain extent, but what controls the level of CD4 cell is not entirely understood. Part of it could depend on virus replication, part of it could be disruption of the architecture of the immune system. There are many variables, many unknowns, which may affect CD4 counts. People used the CD4 test because it was available, and it seemed like it would be a meaningful marker. Early on it showed some response to therapy. In retrospect, in more detailed analysis, it has not turned out to be that good.

Clearly CD4 is useful for staging people, for knowing when to begin prophylaxis for opportunistic infections. Here it is a meaningful marker. And falling CD4 counts clearly correlate with development of immunosuppressive disease.

Concerning the p24 antigen test, are its problems caused by the fact that much of the virus is complexed with antibody, so it isn't detected—even with the newer acid dissociated (ICD) p24 antigen test?

Yes. We have long had the sense that was true. But you get a much clearer picture when you have other ways of looking for the virus that's there.

There are a number of proteins, or other parts of the HIV virus, that one could conceivably measure, if we had tests to do so. P24 was the first test that was developed. For many purposes it's useful. For example, as a laboratory measure for monitoring virus replication in tissue culture, it is very good, because there are no antibodies to HIV in those tissue culture flasks. The test is very sensitive, very straightforward to do, and it is accurate in that context. But in the body, antibodies complicate the detection of p24.

Another kind of entity you can look for, when testing for HIV, is the RNA genome. HIV, being a retrovirus, has in the virus particle two copies of its RNA, which can transmit the genetic information of the virus to another cell. There are a number of ways now—two primary ways—to look at the amount of HIV RNA in the plasma of an infected person. One uses PCR, the other uses branched DNA (bDNA) technology.

When you do those tests and compare their results with those of the p24 antigen tests, you can find people who have very high levels of HIV RNA in their plasma and no detectable p24. So you have to conclude the p24 is falsely negative. In some of those people, you can culture infectious virus from their plasma, when their p24 antigen test is negative.

Part of the problem is that a p24 antigen result is not only a function of how much virus is there. It is also a function of how much antibody is there, and both the viral and antibody levels could be changing, either together or independently, in ways that we don't understand. This will not necessarily be the same at each stage of the disease, or for each individual. Probably the majority of people with AIDS will not have detectable p24.

With the new methods, you can measure HIV RNA in the vast majority of people.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TESTS

We have tried to compare a number of different viral markers head-on—plasma culture, p24 antigen, QC-PCR, and bDNA—to see how they relate to each other, and to try to figure out which is the most meaningful one to follow. To answer those questions, you need to do all the tests and compare them directly, studying patients at different stages in the infection and doing all these assays on the same specimens. This tells you how good the assays are, but it also can indicate important things about the pathogenesis of the disease.

Are you doing these tests as part of the trials run by the ACTG (AIDS Clinical Trials Group, of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases)?

We are doing this work independently, because we think it's important. There is a frustration with the fact that clinical researchers have not arrived at a consensus about what they think is the best quantitative parameter to follow. People are searching for better tools.

Where do the samples come from?

Mostly they come from people participating in various trials where extra blood samples are available, or from people being cared for in the clinics here.

Is there a way somebody could sign up if they are interested in donating blood and learning their results?

Unfortunately we don't have a mechanism for that now. Hopefully there will be more opportunities in the future, as we organize trials that are based on viral quantitation as a guide to therapy. We're working hard to make this available.

If we treat people based on their direct virologic measures, could we do better than we've done by treating them based on surrogate markers? My feeling is that the answer will be yes. But it's essential that we answer that question as rigorously and correctly as we can. If we falsely assume that something is logical and therefore would be a good marker, and it turns out not to be, a few years from now we're basically in the same situation we are in now with CD4 counts. My belief is that measuring the viral parameters directly will be more useful, more accurate, and a better way to monitor the activity of drugs.

Beyond being sure that the new tests measure the virus accurately, people also want to see clinical confirmation. Do the tests help predict which patients will do well in the future, and which patients are benefiting by their drug therapy? Of course we don't want to wait many years to get that information from people who are being tested now. Can we speed this process of validating the new viral markers by testing samples frozen years ago, so that the future clinical course of the patient is already known?

An advantage of both QC-PCR and bDNA is that they can be done on frozen specimens, provided they were frozen in an appropriate way. We may be able to learn a lot from trials that have already been done.

Other research groups are finding that measuring viral burden quantitatively is in fact predictive of disease progression. It's not yet proven that intervening to decrease viral

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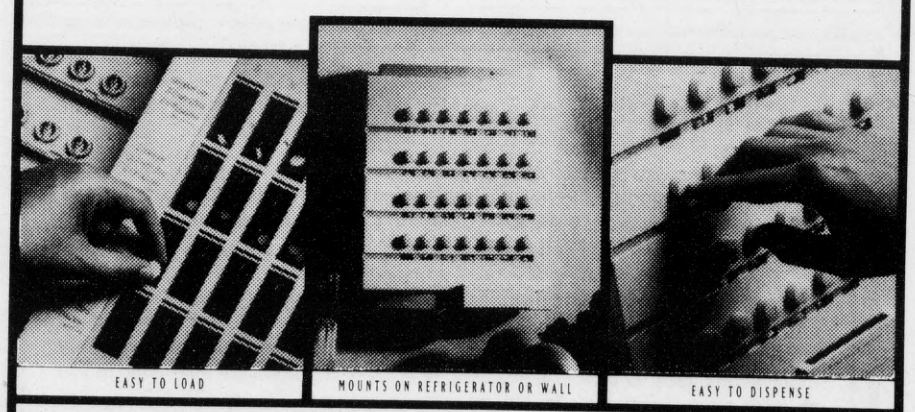

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burden, if that is possible, would slow down progression. That's exactly the kind of information one needs. For a number of ACTG trials, there are lots of stored specimens that might be used.

There is already a fair amount of evidence that increasing viral replication is an indicator that disease progression is accelerating. What we don't yet know is whether, if you can slow down the virus, you can slow down progression. It sounds logical, but it does need to be demonstrated.

We do not know whether AZT alone will give a convincing demonstration. And we do not always have the best samples—for example, where you know how long somebody has been on the drug, and whether they had resistant viruses.

After the Concorde results last summer (which raised serious doubts about using T-helper counts as a measure of antiviral efficacy in trials), some people have suggested that we need to return to clinical endpoints for trials, instead of using blood tests to determine how well a drug is working.

My feeling about the reaction to the Concorde results is that people were understandably disappointed, but they sometimes took the wrong lesson from it. I don't think it's correct to conclude that it does not make sense to intervene earlier in the course of the disease. Everything I know as a basic scientist studying HIV pathogenesis tells me that the time to intervene is earlier, if you had effective drugs.

What I take from the Concorde results is that, if a drug or a test did not work, we need to know why. The results do not condemn early intervention; they may condemn the drug or how it was used. But nothing about that trial has swayed my belief that intervention early would be beneficial if we had good drugs.

The Concorde study left some people with the notion that we don't have a good marker for antiviral drug activity, and we need to follow clinical endpoints. That basically puts us back to where were seven years ago. We can do better today, and we must do better. Following clinical endpoints will be essential to correlate with other markers, like direct virologic markers. But clinical outcomes take time.

And a clinical endpoint does not tell you why a drug did or did not work. It's 1993, and we have to learn to understand these things. Then it will be important to have a consensus on what's best to look for in trials.

My feeling is that this movement toward saying, "We need clinical endpoints," is like people throwing their hands up in frustration, some in despair and some in confusion about what do to. Many of us who work in this area do have a fairly clear idea about what might be done.

In which patients are QC-PCR and branched DNA appropriate? My understanding is that the branched DNA test is much easier to do and feasible for widespread use, but it won't work if the viral level is very low, because of background noise in the test.

That's right. But it will pick up virus in most people, if not almost everybody, with a CD4 count of under 500. For people over 500, it may pick up 70 or 80 percent. And for those who cannot be measured, it may be good enough to know that they're below the cutoff of the test, because they may have relatively little risk of rapid disease progression (because the viral level is so low).

Whereas with the p24 antigen test, if you're below the cutoff, it doesn't mean very much?

Right, you could have AIDS and have p24 below the cutoff, and still have a hundred thousand, or a few million, copies of the virus per milliliter of blood at that time.

The QC-PCR, or other quantitative PCR methods, are very important; when we have learned enough to be sure of their accuracy, these tests might serve as a gold standard for the branched DNA or other assays. But quantitative PCR assays are labor intensive, and demand high levels of skill from the people doing them. It's hard to imagine that these will become available enough that physicians would use them in routine care.

The branched DNA assay could be widely used because it is more like other clinical tests that are commonly done. Also, it has a much more rapid turnaround time than quantitative PCR.

But it is still too early to give a blanket endorsement to the bDNA assay. It still needs rigorous testing, with additional comparisons with other tests; that is what we and other groups are doing. Hopefully we will have answers to this in the relatively near future. But also, the test has to be validated in clinical practice; that means doing clinical trials using this test as a marker.

What is the range of the number of virus copies which you find in patients' blood with these tests?

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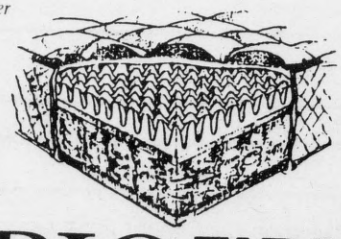

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The Woman With That "Je Ne Sais Quoi"

So Ghislaine and Carol have become quite an item in the last couple of weeks, and if you remember in the last issue I had wanted to quiz Carol on the discrepancies between her politics and her actions but when I sat down and asked her she said I should just put all my questions away because she was my sister, not the subject of some research study and she didn't feel like having to justify herself to all the readers of the *Bay Times*, and she had a point I must say so I let the subject drop!

So I finally got to meet this woman after dropping a few hints and Doug and Peter and Ghislaine and Carol and I all went to a racetrack of all places, which was Ghislaine's idea (and I have to tell you that my sister Carol has been transformed in some way because this would have been one of the last things I could possibly imagine she would want to do but she suggested the idea with this cheery excitement in her voice that I had never heard before and said it "sounded like fun")—so anyway Doug was agreeable and Peter had never been to a racetrack before but when he got in the car he was full of enthusiasm as well and kept talking about the "masculine experience of powerful thoroughbreds, muscled and streaming with sweat" and so forth until Ghislaine said "Peter darling you must stop or we won't be able to contain ourselves will we?" and I must admit I thought at first that she was a bit pretentious with her accent and everything, but in fact it was just her way, which was fine!

So anyway the racetrack turned out to be very entertaining and I discovered I had a gambling streak that I had never recognized (since I had never gambled before) but I won $6.40 on the first race and I can't tell you how excited I was and by the fifth race I sent Doug to bet $10 all on one horse and he said "Honey why don't you just bet $2?" which was the minimum, but something had come over me and I KNEW that horse would win and of course I would win far more with a ten dollar bet than a paltry two dollar bet, and Ghislaine came to my defense and said that intensity was not an emotion to be measured in time or money and that ten dollars was a small price to pay for it even if it only lasted for the few seconds it took for the horses to turn into the "stretch" and race for the finish line, and Doug said if she put it that way he agreed, but then the horse lost and Ghislaine admitted that there were perhaps more "cost-effective" ways to buy intensity but that it was still important to seek out, and then she gave me such a wonderful smile that I saw exactly why Carol liked her so much and she didn't seem pretentious at all, but just different.

So after the races we all went out to a little French restaurant where Ghislaine ordered rabbit and talked to all the waiters in French and smoked cigarettes with her hand under the table and she and Peter and Doug got into a long discussion on the sexual energy and imagery of horses and Ghislaine seemed to have read a lot of foreign books from the gist of her conversation and I was really astonished to see Carol leaning forward not saying anything but seeming to ABSORB every word as if Ghislaine was some famous professor or something which was very unlike Carol, (particularly when the topic was "male sexual energy"). And anyway after a while, since Ghislaine seemed pretty "open" about her new relationship with Carol I asked her whether she now thought of herself as a member of the gay and lesbian community or still a member of the straight community (a question for "Straight Talk" of course!), and she said the question was a "senseless" one (which made me feel a little stupid) and that love and attraction were mysterious parts of the human soul and that on the other hand the gay and lesbian communities of the major American cities were basically political structures, while there was no such thing as a "straight community" as the word "community" implied both an intimacy and common culture which couldn't be applied to 90 percent of the world. So I had to stop her so I could write down her answer because it was pretty fancy, and while I was looking for a pen Carol woke up from her love fog and said the gay and lesbian community at least in San Francisco was far more than a "political structure" and Ghislaine asked how Carol would define it and Carol said it was a group united in a struggle for rights, respect and a decent society, so Ghislaine argued that WAS political and Carol said OK, but even so the gay and lesbian community was a "family" linked in sexual identity with its own "intimate common culture" or whatever it was Ghislaine had said.

So anyway I told everyone to stop talking until I found some more paper because I did think some interesting POINTS were being made and Ghislaine continued anyway saying something about how one look in the gay press indicated the gay/lesbian "community" was anything but a family, so Carol said that all families have their differences and Ghislaine said the differences in families were founded on love and respect but that in contrast, the similarities in the "community" seemed to be founded on animosity. And just as Carol was looking for a rebuttal Ghislaine pulled out the latest issue of the *Bay Times* and read aloud some of the letters including one that actually said "This is not a community, this is HATE" (which supported Ghislaine's point), and another that seemed to be arguing that women with AIDS suffer MORE than men with AIDS because they are subject to misogyny as well as the disease. So Peter cut in and said it would be useful to draw up a full list of the types of people who were presently dying of AIDS and rank them according to Level Of Suffering, perhaps with wealthy straight white males whose best friends are doctors dying of AIDS suffering LEAST—a "L.O.S." of one—and disabled orphaned girls of color under the age of ten living in poverty in Africa without treatment of any sort dying of AIDS suffering MOST—a L.O.S. of ten. Then he continued, maybe we could have a better sense of where any given AIDS patient might rank and we could ration our compassion accordingly rather than blindly extending it to everyone! (He was joking of course).

So even Carol agreed that that letter was over the top and then Ghislaine started discussing the gals that hated some play because it made fun of wife-beating (which really isn't a funny subject of course), but in fact I guess the play wasn't REALLY making fun of the subject just SEEMED as if it was to some people who didn't understand it, and Carol said "in fact" that that was an "important debate" and Ghislaine said "in fact," intervention in Bosnia was an important debate, and the rise of neo-Nazis was an important debate, but "nitpicking a local play" was not an important debate. So this got Carol annoyed and she said that Ghislaine's comparisons were not fair, because of course it wasn't a world crisis but it was an important debate on principle, and Ghislaine said no one in that controversy according to the letters she read—was IN FAVOR of wife beating, and that the "principle" at stake if Carol wanted to call it that was on the question of whether humor was an appropriate vehicle to examine a dark subject on the Stage which was not even an issue for debate! (Which is true because when I was in college I was thinking about being a theatre major and I was an understudy for "The Lady's Not for Burning" which is sort of a comedy about burning up a witch— which would not be funny if it REALLY happened—but the play was not actually saying it would be OK to burn witches or people you might think were witches even though it WAS a funny play even though it was serious underneath if you know what I mean, and anyway Sheila got the measles of all things on the second-to-last night and I had to play the witch part—and it was so nerve-wracking that I switched my major to education!)

Well in the end Carol actually had to admit that she hadn't followed the play business very closely and she ended up conceding that point to Ghislaine and Peter stepped in and said that he agreed with both the gals in that there was in fact a great deal of "destructive hostility" between some of the men and women of the Community but that what the letters didn't reflect was the vast majority of gay fellows and lesbians who don't even write to the newspapers and who ARE "tied to each other by bonds that in this city (San Francisco) transcend the political agenda," and he told Ghislaine (in a nice way) that as a newcomer in more ways than one, she was not experienced enough to make a judgement. And she agreed too! So everyone agreed with everyone and Ghislaine insisted on paying for dinner because she had won $208 at the track—which I hadn't even realized—and she kissed Doug and I both goodnight on both cheeks which I know is just a French thing and doesn't mean anything but it made me feel special! ✿

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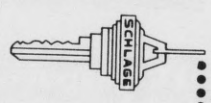

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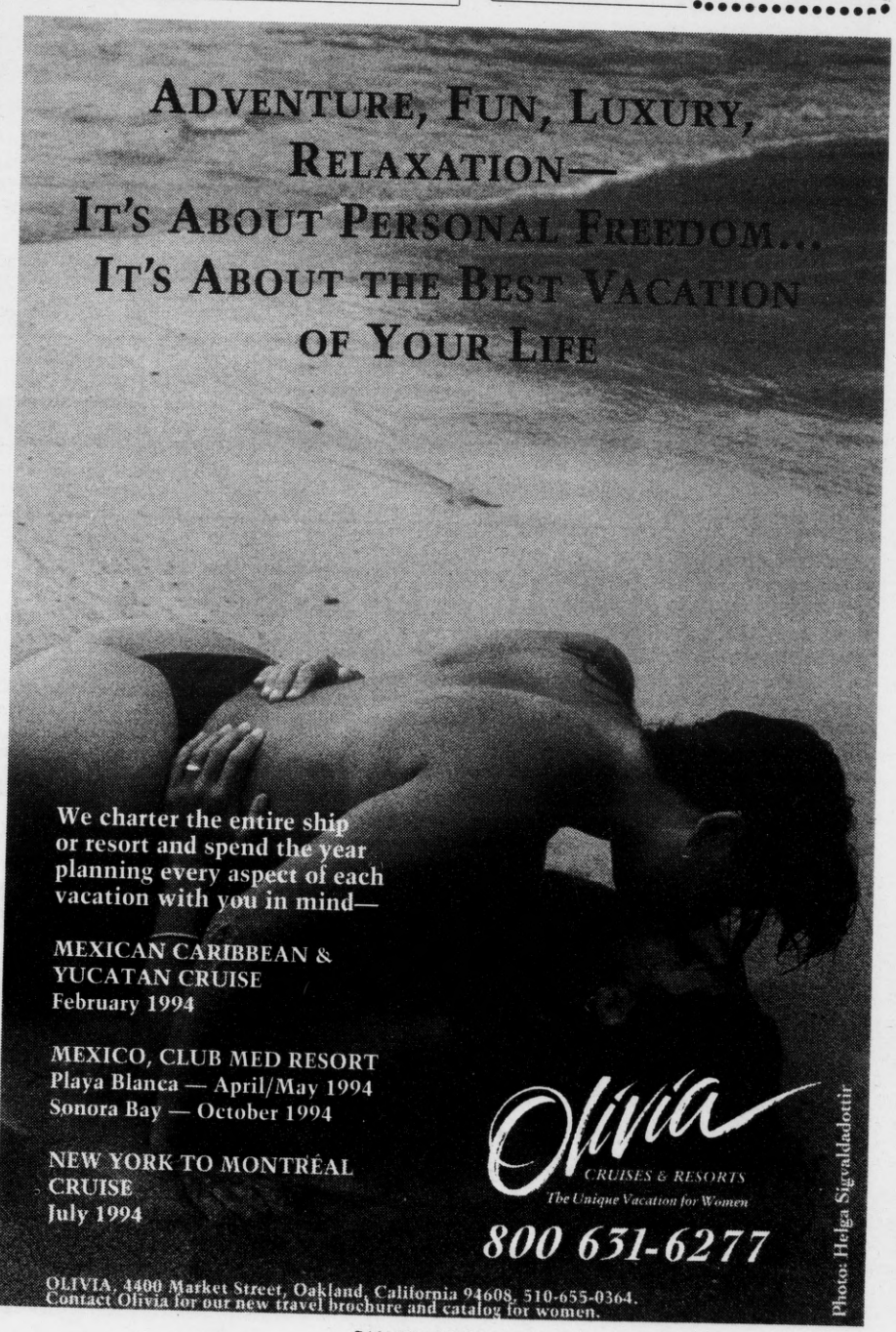

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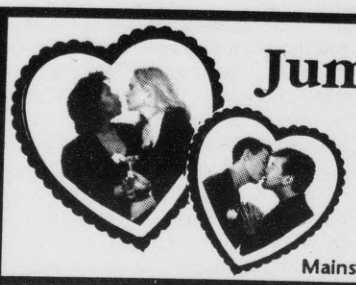

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(astrology)

BY JACK FERTIG

Stellar Stuffing

This week Mercury turns direct, helping us to clear up recent bits of confusion and chaos. But it is doing so in Scorpio in conjunction to Mars, so efforts to clean up recent messes will tend to take on an urgent, compulsive quality. Slow down, relax, breathe. Do your best to stay open to creative input and constructive criticism. Think twice before speaking once. Watch out for drama queens on full volume. Could this possibly include *vous*? Possibly....

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Traditional wisdom holds that when an Aries is told to watch his mouth, he will answer with open-eyed incredulity, "What the fuck for?" (or if one is being strictly traditional, words to that general effect). You are normally quite used to having your mouth a few steps ahead of your brain, but right now you tend to sound as if your fists—or your crotch—are very close behind. If you are unaware of this tone you're projecting, you will be caught quite by surprise by general antagonism all around you. Talking dirty in acceptable situations will help you to shed this energy. Some seriously verbal sexplay can be tremendously exciting and liberating right now.

TAURUS: Little problems you've been having with your partner are now coming to the surface, likely with volcanic explosions. Important as it is to clear the air, try to keep things civil and calm. If either of you has violent tendencies, they are likely to surface. It's also a time when unreasonable worries become inflamed so keep talking and try to keep a moderate course. The good news is that for you, at least in the parameters of a contracted relationship, sex is very hot and very inventive right now. All of you who are single will experience the same opportunities and problems, but not in such a focused fashion. Be careful and calm in all your interactions.

GEMINI: You are being determinedly clever at work, even obsessing on your innovations. Remember that your goal is to make life easier, not to prove that a particular idea works—even if it doesn't! Fussing and fuming will only exacerbate the problem and antagonize co-workers. Underlying worries about your health are probably what's provoking you into such a frenzy. Slow down and do a few things to take care of yourself; treat yourself to some acupuncture, or a massage and time in a hot tub, or some special erotic indulgence, anything physical and therapeutic.

CANCER: You are in for some wonderful fun and games. You may feel as if you're biting off more than you can chew (so to speak!), but right now your creative energies are coming out in an orgasmic release, enabling you to reach new heights—or depths. Playful passions are taking over and can be directed to eros or any of the creative arts. One does not exclude the other. In fact, balancing one against the other can create a luscious synergy. Your approach on either route is going to be more intense, aggressive and verbal than usual. That ain't bad, but keep it in mind and offer a word of warning as a courtesy to your playmates.

LEO: Your home is indeed your castle, and this is one of those weeks when every castle should have a dungeon. To what purpose? Well, if you're the sort of lion who likes getting your tail in a knot or two this can be a wonderfully inventive time to create or improve a play space (I bolt, you bolt, we all bolt for eyebolts!). Otherwise you may want a safe space to lock away a roommate. Issues that have been simmering are coming out now. Tensions may be high, but the volume is up even higher. You're prone to argue more than necessary, to assert more than to listen. If you can share in responsibility for the problem and hear out the other side, you can both make big changes to improve the situation.

VIRGO: This is when you get to earn your sign's reputation as a sharp-tongued bitch. Annoyances, minor or major, that have been slowly simmering in the back of your brain are ready to boil over in a nasty bit of verbal evisceration. That can be fun, but you do have other options. If you wish to be more diplomatic, direct your attentions to a very demanding research project. Be very careful of how you take whatever you hear (they probably don't mean it that way at all!) and even more careful of what you say. There can easily be a nasty tone in your voice, even when you're trying to be nice.

LIBRA: You've been brooding and obsessive about money in recent years. Well, now you get to be raving and maniacal. Arguments, fierce confrontations about money are almost inevitable now! Almost, but not quite. You can avoid such scenes by breathing deeply and taking a slow, careful, in-depth look at your finances. Behind that is a deeper concern about what really counts in your life. After all, money is only good for what it can get. What do you really want? Don't answer that one too quickly. Think seriously about your values and priorities. Talk it out with a close friend and be ready to surprise yourself.

SCORPIO: You've been dealing with more than your share of little disasters lately. Now you can make them right, but try to do so with a light hand. Other people may think that drastic measures are called for, but your everyday approach is what others would call drastic. You are unusually outspoken these days and very forcefully so. A simple request for the time may sound to others like a death threat. Erotic adventures or talking true filth with your friends will help to soften your energy.

SAGITTARIUS: Odd, cranky internal voices are making quite a clatter inside your head. The more you try to deny them the worse they'll get. You may not want to take them too seriously, but listening to them you'll learn more about yourself. Talk back to them if they get nasty. It's your head. You're the boss. All this introspection is making you a bit awkward in public, but if you need to get out of yourself (Not a bad idea!) try some volunteer service. Do something that will allow yourself some physical activity, but won't depend on your social graces. Normally you're a delight to be with, but these days make sure you have plenty of space! *Happy Birthday: Carl Williamson, Aline Caroll, Jan Hembree and Mystie Grey!*

CAPRICORN: Now you get to find out who your truest friends are because they're the ones who will stick around and argue with you—or they'll tell you what an ass you're being and will leave you until you get over it. You're not usually one to get bogged down in senseless argument, but these days you're just itching for debate and stirring stuff up wherever you go. Actually you're being challenged to re-examine your ideals. You need to hash things out in a rather aggressive way, but remember the challenge is to yourself, not to the presumably innocent bystanders who are standing by too closely to your process of evolution.

AQUARIUS: With little or no effort you now find yourself in the spotlight—or in the line of fire. Even at the best of times your cool, aloof intellectualism can make you appear something of a know-it-all. These days it makes you seem downright arrogant. You're prone to speak up too quickly and not just in an authoritative manner, but as an authoritarian without manners. You could direct your energies in an attack against powers that be, but that would only make you a prominent target. Struggle though you may, be on your best behavior. Take the opportunity to look past the conflicts at hand and analyze your own attitudes about authority, power and success. If you're nearly as open-minded as you like to think you are you'll find lots of room for growth.

PISCES: You're in fine fettle these days. You're just itching for some adventure and excitement. Just be careful how you go for it! You're likely to be extremely reckless and provocative. Your mouth can easily get way ahead of your brain and drag you into trouble before you have a clue. Going to a sporting event and screaming bloody hell at the opposing team is one way to work it out. Or take up a challenging study that will keep your mind occupied and out of trouble. You'll be happiest with a subject or situation that allows you the chance to argue. ✿

THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

coming UP

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NOV 18 / T H U

Yard Sale donations to help fight AIDS: ACT UP Golden Gate is accepting yard sale donations to help treatment activists attend an upcoming conference. To schedule free pickup, call 431-3425.

EnTrade Program accepting applications from women for its pre-apprenticeship program. See 12/2 listing for details.

Interested in attending Gay Games IV in New York next June? Team Berkeley is sponsoring a meeting to discuss efforts to participate in the Gay Games, call Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

2nd Annual Frederick Douglass Awards: "Hands Across the Bay," the 2nd annual awards reception spons by the Oakland Men's Project (OMP) and Men Overcoming Violence (MOVE). The Frederick Douglass Awards celebrate grassroots heroes & heroines who have made outstanding contributions to their communities' efforts to confront & end violence & address the related problems of those who suffer from social inequality, crisis & injustice. This year's awards go to Joe Marshall, founder of the Omega Boys Club of SF and Dr Barbara Staggers of Children's Hospital, Oakland. 5:30-8 pm at the law offices of Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon, 505 Montgomery St, SF. Info: (415) 777-4496 or (510) 835-2433.

Gen'l Membership Mtg: Coalition for Public Health Services' Organizational Development Committee discusses future options. 5:45 pm at 240 Golden Gate at Hyde St, SF. 3rd floor.

3rd Annual Women of Color Film Festival: Tonight thru 11/20 at 145 Dwinelle Hall, southside of the UC Berkeley campus. Festival starts approx 7 pm each night and addresses issues in women of color communities. Thurs program focuses on relationships among women of color, Fri program deals with women of color and health/body/sexuality issues. Sat program presents women of color's experiences with immigration, travel and the diaspora. Filmmakers present to discuss their work. Co-spons by the Center for Racial Education, ASUC/Berkeley, ASUC Minigrants, the Graduate Women's Project, Ethnic Studies 5th Account, Women of Color Resource Center and Radical Film Collective. WA. Info: (510) 643-9921.

BACW Mid-Peninsula Open Business Networking Event: 7-9 pm at the Resource Center of the Veteran's Memorial Center, 1455 Madison Ave, Redwood City. Learn about the business Bay Area Career Women are up to! Info: Helen 349-2502.

At A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books: Cynthia Splatt discusses her book on Isadora Duncan, mother of modern dance and pioneering feminist, *Life into Art: Isadora Duncan & Her World*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Paper Tiger Television screens their latest work: *Street Sheet,* a look at the monthly paper produced & distributed by homeless people in SF's Tenderloin; *Staking a Claim in Cyberspace,* a look beyond the hype of the "great data highway," separating the public interest aspects of new communications technologies from the interests of corporate marketeers and *East Timor: Turning a Blind Eye,* a look at how one-third of a nation can be wiped out by a US ally without a peep from the media. 7:30 pm, $5 donation benefit Paper Tiger Television. New College, 777 Valencia St btwn 18th & 19th, SF. Info: 552-PTTV.

Premiere Screening of Comedy Central's *Out There,* the first hour-long national program featuring lesbian/gay comics. A video TV extravaganza of highlights from the October comedy concert filmed at Great American Music Hall. Film features Bob Smith, David Drake, Lea DeLaria, Marga Gomez, Mark Davis, Mickey Liddell, Phranc, Pomo Afro Homos, Scott Capurro, Steve Moore, Suzy Berger and Suzanne Westenhoefer. 8 pm, $10. All proceeds benefit the SF Bay Area chapter of GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation). Center for the Arts, Yerba Buena Gardens, 701 Mission St at 3rd, SF. Info: 978-ARTS.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Jewelle Barker Rhodes discusses her new book, *Voodoo Dreams: A Novel of Marie Laveau,* about the legendary voodoo queen Marie Laveau, reconstructing her incredible rise to power in 19th century New Orleans, thru a mesmerizing combination of history & storytelling. 8 pm, $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Novelist/biographer Edmund White (*Forgetting Elena, A Boy's Own Story, Nocturne for the King of Naples, States of Desire, Caracole, The Beautiful Room is Empty*) in an onstage interview/conversation with Warren Sonbert. Produced by City Arts & Lectures, part of Friends of the Public Library's 13th Annual Literary Events series. 8 pm, $14. Herbst Theatre, Van Ness at McAllister, SF. Info: 392-4400.

Reno at Josie's: First in a series of works-in-progress stand-up concerts. Runs Wed-Sun thru 11/21 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm show on 11/19. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Printers Ink Bookstore: Author Gail Tsukiyama discusses her book about workers in a Chinese silk factory, *Women of the Silk.* 8 pm. 310 California St, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

At ATA: See "Wax Lips," a new cable show by Jennifer Locke & Rodney O'Neal Austin. Features exploding video by various local artists. Tonight see a collection of lipsmackers, including work by Cliff Hengst, Meg Mack, Torsten Z Burns, Monet Clark, Annabel Lee and others. 8:30 pm, $5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

At Brave New World: *Screaming to God, Spahn Ranch Slave Unit, 187 Calm.* 1751 Fulton St, SF. Info: 441-1751.

Lesbian/Gay Labor Alliance, an organization of lesbian & gay labor activists, holds an organizational meeting at the Teachers' Union in SF. 7 pm. Agenda: Discussion of broadening the organization in order to prepare for the Bay Area's participation in next year's March on the United Nations for Lesbian & Gay Rights in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, and the National Conference of Lesbian and Gay Labor Activists, scheduled for 6/24 in New York City. Mtg includes reports by labor activists Nancy Wohlforth, Alliance Co-Chair, and Howard Wallace. Open to all lesbian, gay or bisexual activists who wish to concentrate on workplace issues, within unions or without. Light refreshments served. 655 14th St, SF. Info: Vince 731-7739.

NOV 19 / F R I

Opening to Intimacy: Intimacy weekend course for lesbian singles & couples. 11/19-21. Open to heart connections, experience a profound acceptance of yourself and others. Learn to create more the intimacy you crave. Info: LoveWorks 572-1999.

Entree Tonight! Join 7 lesbians in San Francisco for succulent feasting & sparkling conversation. Space limited. For res/info call 703-7142.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Nahid Rachlin reads from her new novel of pre-revolutionary Iran, *Married to a Stranger.* 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. 282-9246.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: SF photographer Catherine Wagner presents a slide show discussion of her book of photographs, *Home & Other Stories,* joined by Bay Area writer Anne Lamott, who reads from her essay in the book. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

An Affair to Remember: Marin BACW's first formal dance for women. Put on your tux & dancing shoes, girls, and head out to the Peacock Gap Country Club, 333 Biscayne Dr, San Rafael. Fri 8-midnight. Music by celebrity DJs, no-host bar, complimentary hors d'oeuvres catered by Peacock Gap. No tix at door, adv sales only (limited to 125)—call Bay Area Career Women office, 495-5393, for tix.

Sukay in Concert: A holiday festival of music from Peru, Bolivia & Ecuador, with special guest musicians and dancers from the Andes. 8 pm tonight & tmw at Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, SF. Tix $12 adv, $15 at door. $4 discount for stdnts, srs & kids under 12. Info/res: City Box Office 392-4400.

The Twin Pinks Revue: *Vocal Minority* presents a concert of wildly diverse musical styles, from Aretha Franklin to Lyle Lovett to Stephen Sondheim. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $12. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info/res: 861-8972.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Peter Irons discusses *May It Please the Court,* his new book which makes available for the first time transcripts of 23 of the most famous cases argued before the US Supreme Court. 8 pm. 310 California St, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

Snatch at The Pit. Where the rude queer roam. 9 pm-6 am with DJs Downtown Donna (9 pm-2 am) and Chris C (2-6 am). 9th & Howard, SF. Go-go's, dancing & debauchery. $4 before midnight. Info: Snatch Hotline 561-9771.

Telling Each Other Our Stories: A weekend for Quaker Women, thru 11/21. Quaker women explore what is uniquely shared by telling each other stories from our lives & spiritual journeys. At Quaker Center, Ben Lomond, Calif. Info: (408) 336-8333.

Opening the Channels to Sexual Ecstasy: A Journey thru the Chakras. Wkend workshop with Deva Kosha. Thru 11/21, $175. Move deeply into the chakra system thru a unique combination of tantric tecniques & exercises developed by Margo Anand in Sky Dancing Tantra. Also work with sound, meditation, visualization, breathwork & massage. Safe environment to foster sexual healing, express full range of emotions & open the door to truly love yourself & others. Event open to all, singles & couples. Parts of the wkshop feature optional nudity (feel free to bring a bathing suit). Info/reg: Skydancing Institute 381-0844.

BACW Mid-Peninsula TGIF: Bay Area Career Women return to Shout's Bar & Grill in Redwood City. 5:30-8 pm, Hors d'oeuvres & drinks. 2034 Broadway, downtown Redwood City. $3.

At The Booksmith: William Wegman signs copies of his new book, *Little Red Riding Hood,* 7-8 pm. 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.

Shadows on the Bay: Dark Shadows Society social gathering for fans & friends. Celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 7:30 pm. Info/location: Neil 255-7672.

At Mama Bears: "Best of Times," album-release celebration with Judy Fjell, Crystal Reeves & Janet Orsi. 8 pm, $8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Remy Charlip is the guest choreographer & soloist with the Margaret Jenkins Dance Co and the *Kronos Quartet* in composer Bob Ostertag's "All the Rage," with text by Sara Miles, read by Eric Gupton of Pomo Afro Homos. Production addresses formidable gay rights issues, with a focus on the sounds of the October 1991 riot that broke out after governor Pete Wilson's veto of the comprehensive gay rights bill, AB101. Performances 8 pm tonight & 11/20, 7 pm on 11/21, at The Center for the Arts Theater, Yerba Buena Gardens, 701 Mission St, SF. Tix $15 & $21. Info/res: 978-ARTS or 978-2787.

Hot Lips: Fat Lip Readers Theatre present a sizzling, sensual & sexually explicit performance of lesbian & bisexual material, for women only. 8 pm, $7-15 SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. SIGN. WA. Reserve free childcare by 11/16 (334-3326). Adv tix available at Old Wives Tales Bookstore, SF. No scents or perfumes, please. New College, 777 Valencia St, SF.

Reno at Josie's Cabaret, see 11/18.

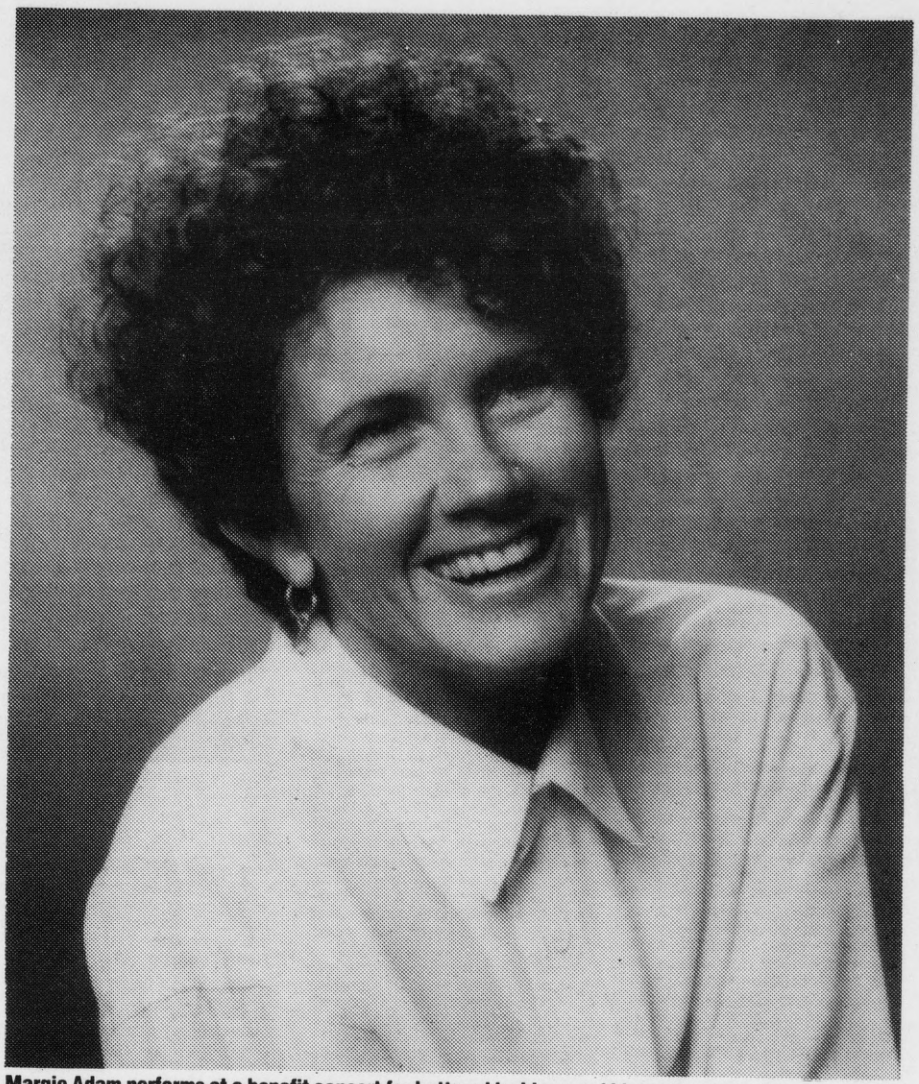
At ATA: World premiere of *Red Spirit Lake,* the story of Marilyn, the last living heir of the matriarchal Atavey family. Her murdered aunt has left her the ancestral estate, where femine ghosts slumber in snow & ice. Evil men have vile plans for the property and Marilyn is soon caught up in a conflict between the dead, the living and the yet-to-be-born. 8 & 10 pm, $5. Program also includes insane, nightmarish, sexy short films by Michelle Handelman. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Margie Adam in concert with Suzanne Mulcahy, a benefit for Support Network for Battered Women. 8 pm, tix $15 & $20. Portion of proceeds to benefit support services for battered lesbians & bisexual women. Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills (intersection of I-280 & El Monte Road).

Latinoamerica Canta: Latin American new song series continues at La Pena Cultural Center with Rafael Manriquez, Enrique Ramirez & Ronald Rosario. An eve of new song music rooted in tradition but infused with social & political commentary. 8:30 pm, $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Jazz with *Lost Wax Process* at E'Space Wine Bar/Art Gallery, 520 Hayes St at Octavia, SF. 9 pm, $3. Info: 861-4657.

At Brave New World: *Blast, Pale Horse, Under Tow.* 1751 Fulton St, SF. Info: 441-1751.



Margie Adam performs at a benefit concert for battered lesbians and biseuxal women. See Nov. 19 for info. Photo by Irene Young.

NOV 20 / S A T

Peace Corps Community Forum/Slide Show: An informational presentation for interested Bay Area residents. Meet former Peace Corps volunteers and learn more about volunteer projects overseas. 10 am-noon. Ft Mason Center, Buchanan & Bay Sts, SF. Bldg C, room 370. Recruiters will be available with applications & information regarding current volunteer opportunities. Info: (800) 292-2461 ext 325.

Cat Behavior Class with Kate Gamble, professional cat behaviorist. Kate helps you understand your adorable kitty's behavior problems and how they can be eliminated. Class is witty & informative, and includes plenty of show and tell, with specific concerns addressed. 10 am-12:30 pm at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. $10 donation ($5 if you have adopted a cat from the SF SPCA since 1991). Proceeds benefit the SF SPCA. Seating limited, pre-reg is required. Call 665-5559.

Lesbian Career Issues: Wkshop with Lloyda French, MS, career counselor. Explore your work issues, coming out at work, how career issues impact your relationship. 10 am-noon at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Call to pre-register. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info/reg: 431-6405.

From Truth to Entertainment: The New Ethics of the News, a conference co-spons by the Center for Investigative Reporting and the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. Is dramatization as good as an original news broadcast? Can a docu-drama reveal deeper truths? Conference explores the market for and tools of the new "news," including reenactments, reality-based cop shows and "investigative" newsmagazines. 11 am-5 pm. Participants include: Lowell Bergman, producer of *60 Minutes;* Gary Bostwick, attorney for Jeffrey MacDonald & Janet Malcolm; Susan Brenneman, executive editor of *LA Times Magazine;* Shelby Coffey III, *LA Times* editor; Belva Davis of KRON TV & KQED, Ken Kashiwahara, ABC News producer, Victor Navasky, *The Nation* editor, Daniel Schorr of National Public Radio and others. North Gate Hall, Hearst & Euclid, Berkeley. Info: Susan Davis (510) 643-8254.

Lite Bites & Live Jazz Poetry by Mad Hat. Participating artists: George Clapper, D. Cooper, Jim Hoffman, Lois Llewellyn, Carol Johnson, Michael Kohnke, Jason Middlebrook, John Odani, Phillip Schubert & Kirk Wuest. 11 am-3 pm at San Francisco Coffee Co, 848 Cole St, SF.

Alioto Park Groundbreaking Ceremony: A celebration of the revitalization of Alioto Park. Noon at the intersection of 20th & Capp Sts in the Mission, SF. Spons by Patcha Mama: Mujeres Unidas Y Activas, SF League of Urban Gardeners, the Heron Institute, SF Conservation Corps. Info: 285-7584.

EnTrade Program is accepting applications from women for its pre-apprenticeship training program, see 12/2.

Marin County People First: Self-advocacy group for people with developmental disabilities. Mtg 1-3 pm at Marin Center for Independent Living, 710 4th St, San Rafael. Info: 459-6245. Discussion of community living. Please wear no perfumes or scented products. Sign language interpretors, cognitive facilitator and other reasonable accommodations available with 4 days notice.

Negatives Being Positive Group: Social hour at 6:30 pm followed by a potluck dinner at Kairos House, 114 Douglass St, btwn Market & 17th, SF. Bring a favorite food dish (if you don't cook, call and find out which non-prep item you can bring). Soft drinks provided. $1 donation requested. Info/RSVP: Bill 387-7971. Come prepared for a good time—bring your friends!

Meeting Men Party: An intimate eve of heart connections with other gay men. Paired exercises to establish rapport, create empathy, nurture the soul. No sex, alcohol or smoking. 7 pm, $20. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 239-7839.

Vanguard Public Foundation Gala Fundraising Benefit: Co-hosted by actor Danny Glover and Vanguard executive director Hari Dillon, the evening features Harry Belafonte, Alice Walker, Whoopi Goldberg, Roberta Achtenberg, Dolores Huerta, Alfre Woodward, Ronnie Gilbert, John Santos with members of the Machete Ensemble, and Carlos Santana. Dinner at 7:30 pm, program at 8:30 pm, entertainment at 10 pm. Proceeds benefit Vanguard's Grant Program. Tix info: Brunetti Productions 252-5677.

SF Dramatists Collective presents two fully-staged works, "Escape from the Porn Factory," by Henry Mach and "Not," by Arthur Bierman. 8 pm, free at Falling Dog Cafe, 3591 20th St nr Valencia, SF. Space limited. Info/res: 826-8820.

Bay Area Women's Philharmonic program highlights northern European women composers, including "Songs for Bassoon & Orchestra" with composer/bassonist Lindsay Cooper. Program opens with "L" by the famed Dame Ethel Smyth and work by Norwegian composer Åse Hedstrom. "Concert Conversations" moderated by guest conductor Odaline de la Martinez, with guests Cooper & Yarnell, held one hour before the 8 pm performance in the concert hall. First Congregational Church, Post & Mason Sts, SF. Info/res: 543-2297. Tix at door $25/$22; tix in adv, $23/$20.

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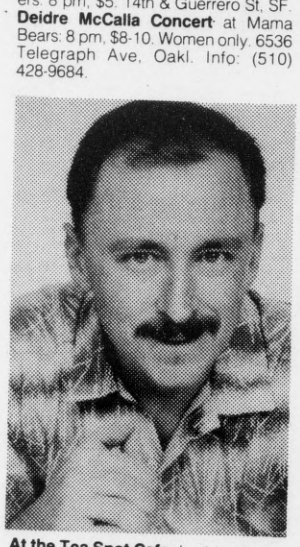
Sukay in concert at Ft Mason—final performance! See 11/19.

Reno at Josie's Cabaret, see 11/18.

Red Dora's Bearded Lady presents "The PMS Show" starring novelist-babe Jewelle Gomez, plus Kris Kovick, Masha Gessen, Alison Gallant, Sinead O'Connor, Elissa Perry, Mary Wings and others. 8 pm, $5. 14th & Guerrero St, SF.

Deidre McCalla Concert at Mama Bears: 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.



At the Tea Spot Cafe: Lesbian & Gay Comedy Night with Danny Williams, Mimi Freed & Shan Carr. 9 pm, $8. Dinner served beginning at 6 pm. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

Flamenco Vivo! An eve of sizzling flamenco dance, songs & music with Keni "El Lebrijano," David Gutierrez, Kati Mejia, Roberto Zamora, Sarita Ayala & Virginia Iglesias. Plus special guest, *Monioa*. 8:30 pm, $12. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

At ATA Cinema: "Middle Eastern Meditations," a showcase of visual essays on racism, colonialism & self-determination in the Mideast. See Marshall Weber's *Emotional Tourist*, a collage of intercultural insights from a visiting Westerner's perspective; Joyce Salloum & Walid Ra'ad's *Up to the South*, an on-the-spot report from the refugees, prisoners & resistance fighters of South Lebanon; and Tehmina Khan's artful *In the Last Passage*, about Palestinian displacement. 8:30 pm, $5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF.

Jazz Legend Sonny Simmons at Cafe Du Nord, tonight & 11/26. Tix $2. 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF.

At Brave New World: *Mind Zone, LTT, Indica, Prayer Wheel*. 1751 Fulton St, SF. Info: 441-1751.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret: 10 pm, $10. 3543 18th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Randol & Mine Hill Trails/Almaden Quicksilver County Park (south of San Jose) Hike with SF Hiking Club: Hiking distance 10.5 miles, elevation gain 1600 ft (in three separate stages of 500, 300 & 800 ft). Bring lunch & water, dress in layers (with rain gear if weather looks threatening). Auto travel per car: $14, to be shared among passengers. Heavy rain cancels. Meet 9 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores St, SF or at 10:15 am at the park entrance at the south end of Almaden Ave. Info: Felix Smith 255-1420 BEFORE 11 pm).

Gay Income Tax Issues Symposium: 1-day conference, first-ever to address tax & financial issues that relate specifically to gay & lesbian taxpayers. Topics include estate planning for unmarried couples, tax planning for people with terminal illnesses, domestic partner problems and more. Led by attorneys & enrolled agents with large gay clienteles, including a former IRS audit supervisor. Symposium open to all tax professionals, enrolled agents, CPAs and attorneys. Info: Tess Hoover, EA (510) 444-0061.

"Acknowledging the Epidemic: Where Do We Go from Here?" Wkshop spons by Shanti Project, part of their ongoing series of free workshops for HIV negative gay & bisexual men. Facilitated by Walt Odets, Sol Gordon & Tom Moon. 9 am-5 pm. Enrollment limited, on first-come, first-served basis. 525 Howard St, SF. Info: George Simmons 777-2273.

1993 Annual Reception/10th Anniversary Celebration of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel of the SF Bay Area. 6-8 pm in the Rotunda, City Hall, 400 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $50. Info: 291-5454.

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner Party with Girth & Mirth Club of SF. 7 pm. 401 Twin Peaks Blvd, SF. Info/directions: 824-0260.

The Twin Pinks Revue at New Conservatory Theatre Center, see 11/19. Final performance!

Benefit Party/Performance hosted by Project Bandaloop at CityRock, 1250 45th St, Emeryville. Entertainment includes vertical dance & slides performed by Project Bandaloop, music by *Davka*, Brazilian dancing & drumming with Fogo Na Roupa and snake-accompanied belly dance performed by Lynette of Snake Skin Studio. Plus auction, raffle, food & dancing. 8 pm, $5-20. Ten percent of proceeds benefit CityRock's Urban Youth Program.

At Komotion Int'l: Virtual Rhythm Series—a veritable smorgasbord of improv, dedication, poetification & philosophication with the folks from Small Press Traffic Bookstore. Features poets Tory Miller & Todd Barker, bands *Morning Champ, Dodge, Fracture* and more. Doors open at 9:30 pm, show at 10. Tix at $5. 2779 16th St, SF. Info: 861-6423.

NOV 21 / SUN

AIDS Benefit: Estate & Yard Sale to benefit ACT UP Golden Gate. 4129 19th St btwn Collingwood & Castro, SF. 9 am.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Dyke space in the Castro. Open noon-9 pm. Collective meeting at 7 pm. All women are welcome! Info: 267-6979. 4035 18th St, SF.

Dog Day Afternoon for Dykes & their best friends at Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Afternoon of dykes, dogs, fun & dog prizes. Over $250 worth of canine-related raffle prizes (merchandise & services). 2-5 pm, free entry. All women & dogs are welcome! Info: 267-6979. 4035 16th St, SF.

Mystical Arts of Tibet: Sacred music & sacred dance, performed by Lamas of the Drepung Loseling Monastery. 4 pm, $17 adv, $20 at door. Introduced by Mickey Hart of the Grateful Dead and Robert Thurman, Jey Tsong Khapa Chair of Buddhist Studies at Columbia University. An afternoon of sacred music & dance for world harmony. Tix at BASS. Info/res: (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

Those wacky gals are back: Jaston Williams and Jose Sears perform "A Tuna Christmas." OnStage has all details.

BACW Mid-Peninsula Western Dance Class: Prep for Bay Area Career Women's upcoming C/W dance (1/29 in San Mateo). Call Wendy 328-5825 for registration, directions & other info.

Remy Charlip, Margaret Jenkins Dance Co and *Kronos Quartet* in "All the Rage," see 11/19. Final performance!

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Author Mabel Maney reads from her book, *The Case of the Not-So-Nice Nurse*, her first Nancy Clue mystery, co-starring Nurse Cherry Aimless (Remember Nancy Drew & Cherry Ames from the old Nancy Drew mystery series? Come find out what was really going on as they chased down those bad guys and saved the day!) $3-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 7 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Lesbians Under Attack: Abby Abinanti, legal director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, speaks on two recent Virginia & Oklahoma cases of lesbian mothers who lost custody of their children. 7:30 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info: 330-5310. Spons by Prairie Fire Organizing Committee.

Bosnian Relief Benefit Concert: Entertainment by *KITKA*, Eastern European Women's Chorus; *Andolu Express*, Turkish music ensemble; Mary Ellen Donald, Middle Eastern percussion; Stephen Coughlin & Dennis O'Campo, East/West blend of mystical sounds on reed & keyboard; Yassir Chadly, traditional Moroccan music. 7:30 pm, $15. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 566-8165 or 626-6329.

Randy David Jeffers at the Plush Room, with Thaddeus Pinkston, keyboards; Kathleen Johannessen; Michael Knapp, bass/cello. 7:30 pm, $12. Info: 885-6800. 940 Sutter St, SF.

Reno at Josie's Cabaret: Final performance! See 11/18.

At Cabaret Du Nord: Cabaret Du Nord's second-to-last show feaures Richard McGhee, Elena Welch, the Dashing Michael T, the Hat Band and emcee Derek Felton. 8:30 pm, $2. 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF.

At Brave New World:*Random Dudes, Leaving Train, Lunch with Dick*. 1751 Fulton St, SF. Info: 441-1751.

CD Release Party for Bob Ostertag's *All the Rage* string quartet and *Say No More* band, hosted by Kiki Art Gallery & Red Dora's Bearded Lady. 9:30 pm at 485 14th St, SF.

G Forty Plus Club meets 2-4 pm at 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF. Program: Ken Athey, staff counselor at Project Eden, discusses this special youth project, a community-based drug & alcohol counseling program. Info: 552-1997.

Sunday's Child: Lesbian Art Salon presents singer/songwriter Nancy Vogl. 4 pm, $5. Open mike (bring a poem, song, etc). Potluck. All interested in making art community are welcome. Info: Janell Moon 863-1936. At Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St, SF.

SF Lesbians Teatime Social Group: Join other city women for an afternoon social in the Marina, 4-6 pm. Bring something to snack or drink. Meet new people, make new friends. Info/location: Dionne 922-2137.

Robert Coffman reads from Truman Capote's *The Thanksgiving Visitor* at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. 7 pm, $8-10 SL fee. Info/res: (408) 293-2429.

At Modern Times Bookstore: "Women Online: To Live, Work & Play in Cyberspace," a provocative discussion on women's experences online, with Reva Basch, Judi Clark, Nancy Rhine and Hoai-An Troung. Plus a demo of WIRE (Women's Information & Resource Exchange). 7:30 pm, $3-5 SL donation. 888 Valencia St, SF. 282-9246.

Queer Sunday Series at the Elbo Room features songstress Veronica Klaus' "Heart & Soul Review" at 9 pm tonight & 11/28. Tix $5. Upstairs at the Elbo Room, 647 Valencia St, btwn 17th & 18th Sts, SF. Info: 864-5453.

NOV 22 / MON

Lesbian Uprising! discusses the politics of eating: What do we eat, what don't we eat, and why—a spirited & informative political meeting, don't miss! Info/location: 661-3886.

DNCB: An Immune Modulator—part 3 of a 4-part series of community workshops spons by ACT UP SF Alternative Treatments Committee, Brothers Network, Alternative Alliance and EACH Program. Tonight's workshop features Dr Ray Stricker of HemaCare, who has published studies on the use of DNCB, including one paper presented at the Berlin AIDS Conference last June. 7-9:30 pm, free, donations welcome. City of Refuge Community Church, 754 14th St at Belcher (behind Church Street Station), SF. Info: 292-4055.

Theatre Rhinoceros presents Robert Coffman reading Truman Capote's *The Thanksgiving Visitor*, a holiday classic. 8 pm, $8 (includes post-performance reception). This popular annual event benefits Theatre Rhino, the nation's oldest lesbian & gay theatre. Tix/info: 861-5079. Theatre Rhinoceros Mainstage, 2926 16th St at Mission, SF.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Poet/author/essayist Judy Grahn discusses her new book, *Blood, Bread & Roses*, a social history of menstruation from the ancient world to the present. 8 pm. 310 California St, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

SF Krishnamurti Dialogue: 8 pm video & dialogue at the home of Roberto Moreiras, 139 Farnum Blvd, SF. Tonight & 11/29. Info: 469-0606.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Author Lonnie Barbach, PhD (*Going the Distance for Each Other, Erotic Interludes*) reads from her latest book, *The Pause*, a revolutionary look at menopause. 7 pm, free. 575 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret: 8 pm, $5. Emcee Scott Capurro. 3543 18th St, SF. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. Info: 861-7933.

At Brave New World: *Butterball, Omar, Super Cherry*. 1751 Fulton St, SF. Info: 441-1751.

Patsy Cline & *The Memphis G-Spots*, tonight and 11/29 at 9:30 pm. Cafe Du Nord, 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF. Tix $2. Info: 861-5016.

NOV 23 / TUE

"The Transformational Lovestream Energies," a demonstration of the Love Stream system for enlightenment & healing, by Tefferli Powers & Solta Traine. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by Swedish model Kai Mortersen. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

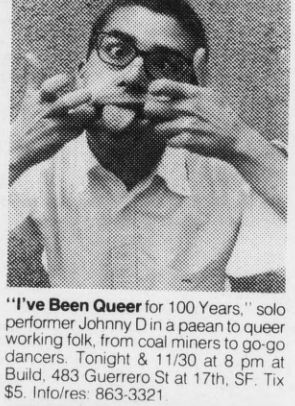
Pagan Ritual & Magic for Women: First in a series of three classes on spellcasting. Learn to focus energy, manifest & grow. Beginners welcome! Part of a 12-week drop-in series on Goddess worship & spiritual empowerment. Tues, 7:30-9:30 pm, $20-25 SL fee per class, $5-75 for the three classes together. No one turned away for lack of funds. Partial work exchange available. Info/res: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor and certified hypnotherapist (510) 652-6355.

Dorothy Hamill's Ice Capades return to the Eastbay! Show runs thru 11/28 at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, 7000 Coliseum Way, Oakl. Scheduled: 11/23-24 at 7:30 pm, 11/26 at 7:30 pm, 11/27 at 2 & 7:30 pm, 11/28 at 1 & 5 pm. Tix $13.50 & $9.50 regular, $17.50 Gold Circle, $25 rinkside. Tix/info: BASS (510) 762-2277.

"Faggot With A Gun," Brutal comedy at Josie's Cabaret with Mark Davis. Tonight & tmw, 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Brave New World: *The Eaters, The Small Time Napoleons, Foster Calhoun*. 1751 Fulton St, SF. Info: 441-1751.

Erotica-SF: Sex-positive TV for the Bay Area. 9:30 pm on cable channel 47 in SF. Hosted by media empress Madeline. Info: 861-4101.



"I've Been Queer for 100 Years," solo performer Johnny D in a paean to queer working folk, from coal miners to go-go dancers. Tonight & 11/30 at 8 pm at Build, 483 Guerrero St at 17th, SF. Tix $5. Info/res: 863-3321.

NOV 24 / WED

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight, see 10/19.

Ice Capades at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, see 11/23.

"Faggot With A Gun," Mark Davis at Josie's—final performance! See 11/23.

At Brave New World: *Propella, Prisma* and tba. 1741 Fulton St, SF. Info: 441-1751.

Project Inform Update Town Mtg: 7:30 pm at MCC (Metropolitan Community Church)-SF. Provides info on new treatment developments & current research. Info: 558-9051. 150 Eureka St, SF.

The Violets and *The Mermen* in an evening of holiday merriment at The Bottom of the Hill, 1233 17th St, SF. 9:30 pm.

NOV 25 / THU

Thanksgiving Service & Potluck Dinner at MCC-SF: Thanksgiving doesn't have to be a lonely holiday for anyone. Metropolitan Community Church of SF invites all to a 11 am service, followed by a potluck Thanksgiving feast at the church. 150 Eureka St (btwn 18th & 19th), SF. Info: 863-4434.

BACW Marin Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner: Bay Area Career Women provide the turkey, you provide the delicious potluck dishes and wonderful company to be thankful with. Limited to 20 women. Call Sharon 453-9317 for details. 4 pm.

At Brave New World: *Frog S, Benjamin Kite String, Buck Naked Karate Girls*. 1751 Fulton St, SF. Info: 441-1751.

NOV 26 / FRI

Nonprofit Marketplace: Spons by Volunteer Center of San Francisco. 10 am-5 pm thru 11/28. Arts, crafts, jewelry, cookbooks, clothing & more, produced by over 20 Bay Area nonprofits. At the Gatehouse, Ft Mason Center entrance in the Marina District, SF. Info: 982-8999.

Deaf Gay & Lesbian Ctr Open House Party: In the Castro, 1-5 pm. 4035 18th St, SF. Ste 204. Special guest speakers (including SF supervisor Susan Leal) at 3 pm. Interpreted for the signing-impaired. Refreshments served. Come celebrate!

Macy's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony features "Northern Exposure" actress Elaine Miles as guest of honor. Miles lights the tree following a program of holiday music that begins at 6 pm. Half-hour ceremony includes traditional Christmas carols & gospel music by Glide Memorial Church's Glide Ensemble and the SF Symphony Chorus. Plus an appearance by Santa Claus, with two live reindeer! Union Square, SF. Info: Macy's Special Productions 393-3050.

Ice Capades at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, see 11/23.

Dynamic Cabaret artist Faye Carol at Josie's Cabaret, with Kito Gamble on piano. Don't miss! 3583 16th St at Market, SF. 8 pm, $12. Tonight & tmw. Info/res: 861-7933.

"Yonder Come Day: The New Spirituals Project," Redwood Cultural Work concert features Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir. Conductor Elizabeth Seja Min also debuts the Redwood House Choir in "Lessons," a world premiere new work by Ysaye Barnwell of Sweet Honey in the Rock. Concert preceded at 6:30 pm by "Chalk Talk" with four experts (historian Barbara Christian, ethnomusicologist Willie Collins, cultural anthropologist Gregory Day, theologian Joanne Henry) discussing the role of the spiritual in American music forms, literature, theology & liberation movements. Concert will bring to the stage one of two still existing drums built by African slaves in South Carolina. (This drum is a rare artifact giving testimony to the intersection of African sacred music with American folk forms. Slaves were not allowed to own drums after 1807, and this one was disguised as a rice mortar.) Program tonight & tmw at 8 pm at First Congregational Church, 27th & Harrison, Oakl. Tix $18/16/14, $2 discount for disabled, hearing impaired and kids under 12. Tix available at Modern Times Bookstore in SF and at Mama Bears, Brewberry's and GAIA bookstores in the Eastbay. WA. SIGN. Redwood's New Spirituals Project was begun in 1992 to honor the powerful legacy of the African American spiritual by exploring its history and creating new spirituals for modern times. Info/res: (510) 835-1445. **Sonny Simmons** at Cafe Du Nord, see 11/20.

At Brave New World: *Deftones, FAR* and tba. 1751 Fulton St, SF. Info: 441-1751.

Lots of laughs at Josie's Cabaret with comics Mark Davis & Scott Capurro. Tonight & 11/28 at 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Marin BACW Diners Club Theatre Event: Today's the deadline for reservations. See 11/30.

NOV 27 / SAT

Fall Foliage Walk thru Kentfield, Ross & San Anselmo in Marin County with SF Hiking Club: Easy to moderate hike, 6.5 mile distance. Travel cost per car $6, to be shared among passengers. Bring lunch, water & sunscreen, wear comfortable shoes. Rain cancels. Meet 9:45 am under the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF. Info: Jim Gordon 431-3854, eves.

At Komotion Int'l: "Don't Miss the Tube!" London Underground presents a special edition of late night jazz express with DJS Andy & Roman spinning the best up-front jazz, fusion, funk & hip hop in true "talkin' loud" style. Plus percus-

sionists Neil & Jeff, in-house animation & film. Proceeds go toward the purchase of a big screen TV at ATA (Artists Television Access). Doors open at 9:30 pm, show at 10. Tix $5. Info: 861-6423.

Pacific Crystal Guild pre-Christmas San Francisco Crystal Fair: 10 am-6 pm today, 10 am-4 pm tmw at Ft Mason Center, Laguna & Marina, SF. Tix $4 gen'l, kids under 12 are free. Crystals, minerals, gems & jewelry, gem elixers, massage, mystical & healing arts, fun & fantasy. Info: 383-7837. **31st Annual Holiday Clay** & Glass Festival: 10 am-5 pm today & tmw at the County Fair Building, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, SF. Handcrafted ceramics, blown glass, one-of-a-kind sculptures & museum quality artworks. Suggested donation: $2 gen'l, $1 srs & kids. Food available for sale from Stoyanof's Greek Restaurant. Info: (510) 865-0541.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Dyke space in the Castro. Open noon-9 pm. Collective meeting at 7 pm. All women welcome! Come help create the kind of lesbian center you want. Info: 267-6979. 4035 18th St, SF.

Queer in Your Ear: KPFA radio program features highlights of Ache's recent event focusing on safe sex & lesbians: "Laying It on The Table: What You Always Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask About Safer Sex for Lesbians." 12:30 pm, KPFA 94.1 FM.

Ice Capades at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, see 11/23.

Auditions: Open call for actors interested in auditioning for Caliburn Productions' upcoming staging of "The Three Musketeers: A Living Adventure". 7 pm. Production involves intense improv, period movement, stage combat, dance & music. Payment made as available. Actors of all colors, shapes & sizes encouraged to audition. Must possess an abundance of energy, creativity & guts. Info: (510) 631-9833.

Fine cabaret with Faye Carol at Josie's, see 11/26.

Over Our Heads: Improv comedy & music with Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marian Damon at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

"Yonder Come Day" Redwood Concert at First Congregational Church—final performance, don't miss! See 11/26.

At ATA Cinema: "No Thanksgiving," a program looking at Native American history & culture. See Robert Flaherty's *Nanook of the North*, shot in 1922, a classic on American aboriginal life. Also see Victor Masayesva's *Hopi Ritual Clown* and Gary Rhine's *Traditional Use of Peyote*. 8:30 pm, $5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF.

At Brave New World: *Mermen, Friends of the Gatecrasher, Cromotose*. 1751 Fulton St, SF. Info: 441-1751.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret: 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

NOV 28 / SUN

SF Crystal Fair presented by the Pacific Crystal Guild at Ft Mason, see 11/27.

Holiday Clay & Glass Festival at SF County Fair Building: See 11/27. Final day!

Ice Capades at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, see 11/23. Final day!

Bookparty at Mama Bears with Julia Penelope, co-editor of *Lesbian Culture*, and contributors Sandy Boucher, Elana Dykewomon, Caryatis Cardea, Sally Gearhart, Jess Wells, Anna Livia, Carolyn Gage & Roberta Arnold. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Mark Davis & Scott Capurro at Josie's, see 11/26.

The Country Cabaret Jamboree: Cabaret Du Nord's one-year anniversary party & closing night extravaganza, with Mini Pearl Necklace, Burlap & Pearl, Corn & Company and Gina Pontillo, with emcee Derek Felton. 8:30 pm, $2. 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF.

Womyn of Color Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair: Professional womyn of color artists exhibit a wide variety of unique holiday gifts—original paintings, photos, masks, sculpture, ethnic jewelry, dolls, clothing & greeting cards. 10:30 am-4:30 pm at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, btwn Woolsey & Prince, Berkeley. Free admission. Info: 994-6538.

Queer Sunday Series at the Elbo Room features songstress Veronica Klaus, see 11/21.

Erotica-SF: Sex-positive TV for the Bay Area. 10:30 pm on cable channel 47 in SF. Hosted by media empress Madeline. Info: 861-4101.

NOV 29 / MON

DNCB: An Immune Modulator—part 4 of a 4-part series of community workshops spons by ACT UP-SF Alternative Treaments Committee, Brothers Network, Alternative Alliance & EACH Program. Tonight's workshop features Charles Caulfield, author of the *Anarchist AIDS Medical Formulary*. 7-9:30 pm, free, donations appreciated. City of Refuge Community Church, 754 14th St at Belcher (behind Church Street Station), SF. Info: 292-4055.

Richard Avedon discusses and signs copies of his new book, *An Autobiography*. 6:45 pm at The Booksmith, 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.

SF Krishnamurti Dialogue: See 11/22.

Hollywood legend Tony Curtis appears as part of Osher Marin Jewish Community Center's "Conversations" series. Curtis will be interviewed about his new book, *Tony Curtis: The Autobiography*. 8 pm, $12 gen'l, $9 stdnts & srs. 200 North San Pedro Rd, San Rafael. Info/res: 479-2000.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Scott Capurro. 8 pm, $5. 3583 18th St at Market, SF. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. Info: 861-7933.

Patsy Cline and *The Memphis G-Spots* at Cafe Du Nord, see 11/22.

NOV 30 / TUE

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Co-editor (with Susan Wolfe) Julia Penelope reads from **Lesbian Culture, an Anthology: The Lives, Works, Ideas, Art & Vision of Lesbians, Past & Present**. 8 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Bookparty for *Critical Condition: Women on the Edge of Violence*, anthology edited by Amy Scholder. Book features work by Dorothy Allison, Wanda Coleman, Sapphire, Dee Russell, Barbara Kruger, Carrie Mae Weems, Susan Meiselas and others. 8 pm, free. The Lab Gallery, 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 346-4063.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Actor Tony Curtis signs copies of his Hollywood memoir, *The Tony Curtis Story*. Noon. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

An eve with Adrienne Rich: City Arts & Lectures closes its annual "On Art & Politics" series with an evening of poetry by the poet/theorist Adrienne Rich at SF's Herbst Theatre. 8 pm, $14. Proceeds benefit the Women's Foundation. Info: 392-4400.

Marin BACW Diners Club does the theatre: Join Bay Area Career Women and see "Inspecting Carol," a hilarious Christmas comedy at Marin Theatre Company. Enjoy a fast-food dining experience (newspaper-wrapped British Fish 'n Chips), then it's off to the 8 pm play. $17 includes dinner & theatre tix, payable in adv. Call Avril 383-6736 by 11/26 for info/res.

Jewish Parents of Gay Men & Lesbians: Confidential, supportive discussion group meets last Tues of each month. Spons by Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County. 7-8:30 pm. Info: Karen Belford, MSW 399-2202.

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"Blending Families at Holiday Time," a discussion spons by Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concern's Lesbian & Gay Parents Group. 11/19, 7-9 pm. First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael, corner of 5th & E Sts, San Rafael. In the Geneva Room. Childcare provided, $2 per family. Newcomers welcome! Info: Spectrum 457-1115.

Lesbian Moms & Their Kids Gathering: 11/21 at Whiptail Lizard Lounge, 4035 18th St, SF. Noon-2 pm. Come meet other moms & friends (girls & boy children under 12). Free. Info: 267-6979.

10th Annual Teddy Bear Parade & Film Festival: 11/27 at 1 & 2:30 pm, 11/28 at 1 pm. Tix $3.50. Kids are invited to bring their teddy bears to this annual event spons by Pacific Film Archive. Annual event features films about real bears & storybook bears, a gift for each child and a parade for children & their stuffed animals, marching to the tune of *The Teddy Bear's Picnic*. 2625 Durant Ave (one-half block west of College Ave), Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-5249.

The Velveteen Rabbit: Annual production by ODC/San Francisco. 11/26-12/5 at Center for the Arts, Yerba Buena Gardens, SF and 12/27-29 at Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. Dance/theater production choreographed by KT Nelson, based on the traditional children's tale by Margery Williams, about a stuffed velveteen rabbit that magically comes to life thru the love of a little boy. Tix $8.50-$34 for SF performances, $8.50-$26.50 for Walnut Creek performances. Info/res: (415) 978-ARTS (SF) or (510) 943-SHOW (Walnut Creek).

"A Winter Wonderland," 8th Annual Embarcadero Center Holiday Lights Celebration. 11/19, 5-10 pm. Event includes the grand opening of the Embarcadero Center Ice Skating Rink and a tree lighting ceremony at the Hyatt Regency. Attendees are invited to bring a toy to donate to the SF Fire Fighters Toy Program. Celebration begins at 5 pm with a holiday craft fair featuring booths for wreath-making, gingerbread man decorating & ornament-making, as well as holiday shopping. Also entertainment by carolers & musicians and New Pickle Circus. Emcee Don Bleu of K101-FM. Info: Embarcadero Center (800) 733-6318.

Annual "Choosing Children" Seminar spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, thru 12/20. Panel discussions every Mon evening on specific topics related to becoming a parent, and on the variety of choices possible in the creation of lesbian, gay & bisexual families. Fee: $12/evening or $79 for all 7 sessions, work exchange available, call 565-7674. Early registration strongly suggested.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF: Pediatric clinic for kids up to age 18 with lesbian & gay parents. Sensitive, supportive environment with healthcare by lesbian & gay providers. Support group offered for children of lesbians & gays, ages 10-18 (mtg 11/29, 4:30 pm; group is biweekly). Info: 476-1777.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program provides a wide variety of parenting resources, for details call 565-7674. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF.

The Alternative Family Project offers low-fee family counseling services for children, youth & families with lesbian, gay and/or bisexual members. Individual & family therapy and group for young adults raised in gay and/or lesbian headed families is available. Info: Alternative Family Project 550-2621.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm and last 1-2 hrs, sign-ups begin at 12:30, call 554-9600 for details. **Saturdays in November:** 11/20, $4/person: **Handmade Paper Wkshop**. Make paper for decorative holiday cards & gifts, using natural & recycled wrapping paper, ribbons & metallic foils. 11/27, $3/person: **Everyday Animal Feasts** with Eise Hillend. Come find out what the animals who live a the museum eat, and why. **Other Saturday Programs:** Free **"Animal Talk,"** at 2:15 pm every Sat. **Model Railroad Exhibit** 2nd & 4th Sat, 1-4 pm. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.

Randall Museum Afterschool Classes: The museum offers many dynamic afterschool classes, including "Gizmos & Electricity," for kids ages 9-12, "Earthkeeper Kids," for kids ages 6-11, "Clowning Around," ages 5-7 and "Stage Puppets," ages 9-12. Parent/child classes (ages 3-6, with adult), teen ceramics classes & adult classes are also offered. Info: 554-9600.

Bay Area Discovery Museum offers a wide variety of classes & programs for kids & parents. Adv reg required. **Schedule—** 11/20, noon-2 pm, $10/child, ages 6 & up: **Ceramics: Clay Beads Wkshop**, 11/21, 1-3 pm, all ages, $10/child: **Harvest & Holiday Art Wkshop**; kids make wrapping paper & greeting cards. 11/21, 1-3 pm, all ages, $10/child. **"The Micro World,"** hike with naturalist Mandi Billinge in East Fort Baker. 11/27, 1-3 pm, ages 6 & up, $10/child: **"In the Heart of the Home: Thai Krathong,"** (Banana Leaf Boats). Kids learn to craft a boat from banana leaves. Festival of the Boats held on 11/28, 11 am-3 pm (includes Thai classical dancers, fruit carving demos, flower stringing and more). 11/28, 5-7 pm, all ages, $10/person: **"Fly to the Moon,"** art & science workshop with naturalist & dancer Mandi Billinge. Uses music, movement & art to learn about space. **"The Magical Land of Rainbows,"** an environmental musical play with puppets: 11/20, 21, 26 & 27, 11 am & 1 pm, $8/person. Play tells the story of Topaz the Sorceress, who saves the Land of Seasons when the Staff of Life is taken away. 557 East Fort Baker, Sausalito. 332-7674.

Children's Progams at Ft Mason Center: **Make-A-Circus** offers participatory arts/social services, workshops, theater performances & community shows. Teens are encouraged to apply for the apprentice program. Others services include "clown therapy." Bldg C. 776-8477. **SF Children's Art Center** offers classes for children ages 2-12 in drawing, printmaking & sculpture. Small classes ensure individual attention. Pro-rated enrollment, drop-in classes & art birthday parties available. Bldg C; 771-0292. **Young Performers Theatre** features ongoing dramatic classes & productions for children ages 3 & above. Bldg C; 346-5550. **Jing Mo Athletic Association** Gung-fu for exercise & self-defense. Kids & adults. $35-25/mo. Bldg C. Call 753-1269 for further info.

Spirit Theatre Dance Studio Children's Cultural Arts Afterschool Program offers West African dance class for kids. Info: (510) 849-3232.

Kids 'N' Clay Pottery Studio offers pottery classes in the Eastbay. Affordable, ongoing weekly classes for kids ages 7 & up. $14.50 per class, class size kept low to assure personal attention. For schedules & other info call (510) 486-1797. Located behind the North Berkeley BART Station. Adult classes also offered.

For Kids at La Pena: 3105 Shattuck Ave nr Woolsey St, Berkeley; (510) 849-2568. Sat morning programs, 10:30 am, kids $2, adults $3. **Schedule—** 11/20: The Boogie Down Jugglers return with artful juggling & great humor, fun for all ages! 11/27: Sing & dance with the Plum City Players—Bonnie Lockhart, Nancy Schimmel & Anny Hershey.

For Kids at Cody's Books: 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley; (510) 845-7852. **11/21, 1-3 pm:** Laura Numeroff, author of *If You Give A Mouse a Cookie* and *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*, reads and signs copies of her new book, *Dogs Don't Wear Sneakers*, a lively, laugh-along book that explores the many ways we differ from our furry, feathery & finny friends.

Jack Takes It Back! An urban fairytale by SF Mime Troupe's "Second Stage". Revival of their popular production, a modern-day version of the classic children's tale "Jack & the Beanstalk." This '90s interpretation is a musical comedy that deals with the effects of the recession on the lives of children, especially in regard to school budget cuts, as it tells the story of a huge Giant that eats teachers and a young Jack who stands up for the rights of children, "taking back" what is rightfully theirs. Show runs 11/20-21 at 2 pm at Teatro Mision, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tix $5 adults, $3 kids, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 285-1717.

Lesbian Mother Support Group spons by Operation Concern meets Tues 10:30-noon. Info: Saralie Pennington, LCSW, 626-7000 ext 173.

PLEASE NOTE: *Don't forget to check the Parenting sections of the Open Exchange Classifieds and the Resource Guide for more parenting resources.*

"1994: A Year of Karmic Resolution," a lecture by astrologer Eric Starwalker, addressing the challenges & opportunities for important turning points in the coming year. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by physical culturist Bill Milligan. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Bob Denver ("Little Buddy") discusses & signs copies of his book, *Gilligan, Maynard & Me*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Camille Roy & Glen Helfand read from their work. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At The Booksmith: Bay Area author Barry Gifford reads from his collection of novellas, *Night People*. 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688. 7:30pm.

"I've Been Queer for 100 Years," Johnny D at Build—see 11/23. Final show!

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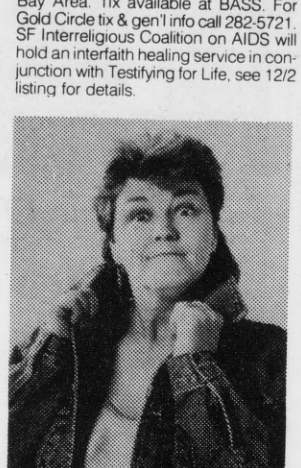
"Female Human Rights," lecture by Anne Firth Murray of the Global Fund for Women, an international grantmaking organization based in Menlo Park. Murray discusses international issues related to human rights for women. 11 am, Cloud Hall, City College of SF. Room 246. Free. Info: 239-3580. 50 Phelan Ave, SF.

"Sexual Harassment: Strategies for Prevention," lecture by Louisa Rogers. Focus on student-to-student and faculty-to-student interaction. Rogers outlines communication skills & strategies to stop inappropriate & unwanted behaviors in the college environment. Noon-1 pm, free. Conlan Hall, City College of SF. Room 101. 50 Phelan Ave, SF. Info: 239-3580.

Testifying for Life: A Night of Gospel to Fight AIDS. Powerful, spirit-filled event featuring some of the nation's most popular Gospel recording artists: John P Kee & the New Life Community Choir, Daryl Coley, Fred Hammond, Vanessa Bell Armstrong, Hezekiah Walker & the Love Fellowship Crusade Choir, the Richard Smallwood Singers, Walter Hawkins & the Love Center Choir, Shirley Miller, Yvette Flunder, Avis Strickling Jones, the Northern California Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop, the City of Refuge Praise Ensemble, Emmit Powell & the Gospel Elites and master of ceremonies Al Hobbs. Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, SF. 7:30 pm. Tix $20 & $28. Proceeds benefit AIDS services in the SF Bay Area. Tix available at BASS. For Gold Circle tix & gen'l info call 282-5721. SF Interreligious Coalition on AIDS will hold an interfaith healing service in conjunction with Testifying for Life, see 12/2 listing for details.



World AIDS Day Comedy Benefit: Comics Tom Ammiano, Karen Ripley & Liz Jensen tickle your funny bone at St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave, Berkeley, in a benefit for ACT UP/East Bay on World AIDS Day. 7:30 pm, $10. Plenty of parking. Info: (510) 836-4401.

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At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: *Bay Guardian* political editor Tim Redmond and environmental activist/writer Marc Mowrey discuss their new book, *Not in Our Backyard: The People & Events That Shaped America's Modern Environmental Movement*. 7:30 pm, free. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At A New Leaf Bookstore: "The Life of the Soul," Bruce Davis, PhD, discusses the life of the soul and what that means for the choices we make in everyday life. Davis is the author of *Monastery Without Walls, The Magical Child Within You, The Heart of Healing* and *My Little Flowers*. 7:30 pm, $5. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

"Being Jewish in a Christian World," is the topic of Debbie Freed's lecture at the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, 3200 California St, SF. Discussion focuses on issues that arise for Jews during the winter holidays, especially as they affect relationships with families, lovers & friends. 7:30 pm, $7. Info/res: 346-6040 ext 244.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

"Sacred Boy," at Josie's Cabaret: Solo performance work by Keith Hennessey, see 12/2 listing for details.

SF Hiking Club monthly meeting & social. 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Recreation Center, Collingwood near 18th (next to Cala Market), SF.

World Cure AIDS Day Rally for the passage of the McClintock (a la Manhattan) Project to cure AIDS. Features speakers from the Black Coalition on AIDS, WORLD, Women's Cancer Resource Center, ACT UP Eastbay and the Berkeley City Council. Noon. Berkeley Main Post Office, 2000 Allston Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 836-4401.

New Horizons group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people meets tonight, see 1/21.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Howard Rheingold discusses his new book *The Virtual Community*, a look at what the electronic future holds for people. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

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Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4160 Alma St, Palo Alto. All women are welcome! Tonight's topic: Exhibitionism & Voyeurism. Info: Marilyn (415) 583-1649 or Lynn (408) 737-9229.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Jerry Ellis discusses his book *Bareback*, the story of his retracing of the original Pony Express Trail, a 2100-mile journey on horseback, covered wagon, foot & canoe from St Joseph, Missouri, to SF. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

4th Annual UCSF Holiday Crafts Fair: 9 am-4 pm in the Millberry Union Gymnasium, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Handmade crafts of over 50 UCSF employee & community artists, including home decorations, holiday ornaments, children's ware, jewelry & more. Spons by EMPACT!, the employee activities program at UCSF. Info: 476-2675.

EnTrade, a new education & support center for women in the trades, seeks students for its pre-apprenticeship training program, which begins in January. EnTrade is a joint project of Women Empowering Women & Tradeswomen, Inc. Students will be assessed for aptitude & interest before completing instruction in carpentry, plumbing & electrical work. Program includes physical fitness training, basic math/English instruction, counseling & support. A staff job developer will work to place graduates into apprenticeship programs & other entry-level positions. Applicants must be at least 18 years old & have 16 weeks to devote to the program. Tuition on SL basis. Info: (510) 649-6270.

Marin BACW Business Mtg: Help Bay Area Career Women plan upcoming activities. 6:30 pm. Info/directions: 453-9317.

AIDS Interfaith Healing Service: Held in conjunction with "Testifying for Life: A Night of Gospel to Fight AIDS," (see 12/1). Spons by the SF Interreligious Coalition on AIDS. Features speakers, singers & dancers representing the Bay Area's wide diversity of religious expression (Buddhist, Methodist, Muslim, Roman Catholic & others). Speakers & performers included noted Jewish author Jo Milgrom, African American poet/playwright Wayne Corbitt, inspirational singer Clark Sterling, Muslim leader Zakiyyah El-Amin, African dance troupe Kabibi, the Dignity Choir & others. 7 pm, First Congregational Church, Post & Mason Sts, SF. Info: David Fisher 575-2734.

What's Happening with AIDS Research? Come here about some hopeful new research on viral markers. Mark Feinberg, MD, PhD, from the Gladstone Institute of Immunology & Virology, discusses new findings on how to measure the HIV virus in the blood, and their significance for future research. Everyone welcome, bring questions. 7-9 pm at Davies Medical Center, corner of Castro & Duboce, SF. Spons by Community Consortium Community Advisory Forum. Call 475-9554 with questions.

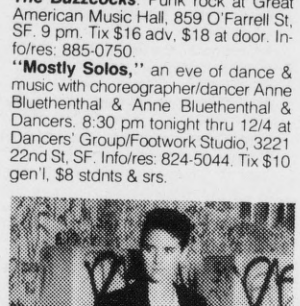
"Sacred Boy," a solo work by performer/dancer Keith Hennessey at Josie's Cabaret. A poetic incision into the male social body, asking why is sex shame? Why is sex initiation? Night of honesty, courage & cheap tricks. 8 pm, $10. Plays Wed-Sun thru 12/12. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

S/M Sex Club for Women: Tonight & 12/16 at Eros, 2051 Market St, SF. Doors open at 8 pm, party till 1 am. No alcohol/drugs please. Safe sex supplies provided, novelties welcome. Come have fun and help keep women's s/m spaces alive. See you there. Info: 333-1723.

Interested in attending Gay Games IV in New York in June? See 11/18.

The Buzzcocks: Punk rock at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 9 pm. Tix $16 adv, $18 at door. Info/res: 885-0750.

"Mostly Solos," an eve of dance & music with choreographer/dancer Anne Bluethenthal & Anne Bluethenthal & Dancers. 8:30 pm tonight thru 12/4 at Dancers' Group/Footwork Studio, 3221 22nd St, SF. Info/res: 824-5044. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs.



The Unarmed Poets acoustic duo (Laura Chandler & Tricia Godwin) plays the Hotel Utah. 9:30 pm. Don't miss! 500 4th St, SF.

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Rainbow's End, lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group meets tonight, see 1/21.

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Beach Blanket Babylon New Year's Eve Celebration: Get your tix early for this lavish, surprise-filled show: 7:15 & 10:15 pm at Club Fugazi, 678 Green St, SF. Tix $50-$100 per person includes the show plus champagne & sweets, party favors & post-performance dancing. Info/res: 421-4222.

New Year's Eve Celebration at IMA Cultural Center in Bodega: Dinner, live music & dj dancing (no alcohol served). Music with Melanie DeMore & Gwen Avery! Fun starts at 7:30 pm, tix $25-50 SL fee. Info/res: (707) 876-3004.

New Year's Eve at Josie's Cabaret with comics Marga Gomez & Mark Davis. Come laugh in the New Year with two of SF's favorite comics! 8 & 10:30 pm tonight & tmw; 8 pm on 1/2 & 3. Tix $15 tonight. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous meets 8-9:30 pm at Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Free. Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors & multiple personalities. Info: (510) 839-8844.

"1992: A Year to Dismember: A Queer Year in Review," New Year's Eve celebration with Ammiano & Ripley at New Conservatory Theatre, see 12/30.

New Year's Eve Jam at El Rio with all-women salsa band, *Azucar y Crema*; plus funk, house & reggae with dj Naadeah. 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm-2 am, $12. Info: 282-3325.

New Year's Eve, Lesbian Style—Celebrate with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group! Bring something to drink & some munchies to share! Sunnyvale location. Call Marilyn 969-1260 for directions/info.

Gala New Year's Eve with Sharon McNight at Cyril's: Show includes champagne, noisemakers & dancing at the city's newest nightclub, an intimate space reminiscent of vintage 1940s clubs. Tix $40. Show starts at 10:30 pm. Doors open at 9:30 pm. Info/res: 421-4222.

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de Young Museum Golden Gate Park, SF. "Jacob Lawrence: The Frederick Douglass & Harriet Tubman Series of 1938-40," features 63 works portraying the lives of these important civil rights activists; on exhibit thru 1/2. Prints by John Bock: monumental in scale, bold in color & often political in content; woodblock prints on exhibit thru 2/27. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "New York Photographs by Judith Joy Ross," on exhibit thru 11/28. "The Young Rebel in American Photography, 1950-1970," exhibit of work by Diane Arbus, Larry Clark, Bruce Davidson, Larry Fink, Robert Frank, Lee Friedlander, William Gale Gedney, Allen Ginsberg, Danny Lyon & Josephine Sterling, on exhibit thru 1/30. "The Great English Vortex," exhibit of approx 30 drawings by a selection of Vorticist artists (a short-lived but highly-influential British art movement of the early 1900s). Exhibit runs thru 1/16. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Oakland Museum: "Here & Now: Bay Area Masterworks from the di Rosa Collections," on exhibit thru 1/2. "Bay Area Sculptors II," at the Oakland Museum Sculpture Court at City Center (the museum's satellite gallery in downtown Oakl), features work by Philip Dow, Eddy Hood, Susan Marie Johnson, Seymour Locks, Zhee Singer, Charles Splady, Gale Wagner, Gerald Walburg & Suzanne Wilbroe; thru 2/12. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-7 pm. 1000 Oak St at 10th (one block from Lake Merritt BART, five blocks from highways 880 & 980). Admission free unless noted. Info: (510) 238-3401.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Shtetl Life," prints & drawings from 52 artists, including Marc Chagall, Chaim Gross, William Gropper, Ruth Weisberg & Solomon Yudovin, on exhibit thru 1/31. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

MACE Space for Art: Paintings by Robin Clark, on exhibit thru 12/18. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Noon-7 pm Tues-Fri, noon-5 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

The Mexican Museum: "Gronk! A Living Survey: 1973-1993," works on exhibit thru 11/21. Annual Holiday Mercadeo at La Tienda, the Mexican Museum store, 11/27-12/24. Features wide selection of Mexican & Latin American crafts—Peruvian jewelry, Guatemalan textiles, Mexican wooden toys, bilingual books and more. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info: 202-9700.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Wendy Ewald: Retratos y Suenos/Portraits & Dreams: Photographs by Mayan & Mexican Children," thru 1/5. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-5 pm; 1st Thurs of every month, 11 am-8 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Architects & Heroes Gallery: Paintings by Moscow-based artist Vladimir Nevrov, depicting the struggle for change in Russia. Thru 1/30. Reception 12/10, 7-9 pm. 2239 Fillmore St, SF. Info: 921-8383.

ATA Gallery: "Hybrid," works by 3 artists working in computers & other mediums (Karla Bates, Mike Mosher & Lance Jackson), thru Nov. Kevin Kirby's treated crystals harness the magical & chaotic energy of an ordinary color TV, thru 12/1. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Asian Art Museum: "Thai Ceramics: The James & Elaine Connell Collection," 170 objects of Thai ceramics from 2000 BC thru the 17th century, drawn from one of the most comprehensive public collections in the United States. On exhibit 12/8-3/13. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD: 752-2635.

Christensen Heller Gallery: "Photographs of Ladakh," by Sarah Stearns; "Handpainted Exotic Eggs," by Susan Tibbons; "Custom Wood Furniture," by Patrick Graney; on exhibit thru 12/31. 5831 College Ave, Oakl. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-6 pm. Info: (510) 655-5952.

Belcher Studios Gallery: Paintings & installation by Keith Hale, Evri Kwong & Kerrin O'Brien, 11/18-12/2. Group Christmas Exhibit by Belcher Studios. 12/9-24. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Thurs-Sat, Tues & Wed by appt. 69 Belcher St, SF. Info: 863-8745 or 626-8917.

California Crafts Museum: "Exploring the Use of Icons in Contemporary Crafts," holiday exhibit runs 11/20-1/2. "Icons in Contemporary Art: The Irreducible Logic of Thing Observed," exhibit of paintings & sculptures by artists whose work relay icons as symbols in a contemporary context; 11/20-1/2. "Nature in Process: Patricia Johansen, Lia Do Rio, Mariyo Yagi," exhibit of installations 1/8-2/20. "Transparency," exhibit focusing on fine artists who use glass in their sculpture; 2/26-4/10. Hrs: daily, 11 am-6 pm. Ghirardelli Square, 900 North Point, Box 25, SF. Info: 771-1919.

Capp Street Project: "Relocation Stories," a multi-site, multimedia installation & performance work drawing on oral histories of Bay Area Native Americans. Installation on view thru 11/27 at Pro Arts Gallery in Oakland; artist presents a solo performance piece that complements the installation on 11/19 at Inter-Tribal Friendship House in Oakl. and at Capp Street on 11/20 at 7:30 pm. Capp Street Project, 270 14th St at Mission, SF. Info: 626-7747.

The Clay Studio: Holiday Sale, 12/3-22. Pottery & hand-built ceramics ranging in price from $2-$100 by artists working in the Clay Studio. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 10 am-5 pm, and by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

Gallery on the Rim: "New Works," aluminum wall sculptures by John S Pashilk, on exhibit 11/1-28. Recent paintings by Barbara K Lewis, on exhibit 12/1-14, opening reception 12/3, 5-7 pm. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.

Gump's Gallery: "Robert Motherwell: Works on Paper," thru 12/5. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun noon-5 pm. 250 Post St, SF. Info: 982-1616.

Joanne Chappell Gallery: "Peter Kitchell: Recent Watercolors & Collages," thru 1/7. 625 2nd St, btwn Brannan & Townsend, Ste 400, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm. Info: 777-5711.

John Pence Gallery: Recent oil paintings by NY artist Jason Gaillard on exhibit thru 11/27. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Kiki Gallery: "Pinocchio the Big Fag," exhibit by LA artist Keith Mayerson, using the classic Italian folk tale to create the ultimate homo parable, tracing a young boy-puppet's quest for "realness" thru a series of children's book plates from the "book that never happened," and a collection of animation cells from the "movie that never happened." Thru 11/20. Hrs: Thurs-Sat, noon-7 pm, or by appt. 483 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 863-KIKI.

The Lab Gallery: "A Caryatid," an installation by Donna Leigh Schumacher questioning the assumptions portrayed by the abstracted form of the female body. Runs 11/17-12/18. Closed Thanksgiving Day and 12/1 (for A Day Without Art). 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

The Luggage Store Gallery: Figurative mixed media sculpture & constructions, and charcoal drawings by Fred Hayes; large-scale abstract-figurative oil paintings on canvas & paper by Lisa Salamandra; on exhibit thru 12/4. 509 Cultural Center Annex, 1007 Market St nr 6th, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 255-5971.

Maxwell Galleries: "Pam Glover: Recent Paintings, Landscapes of the Bay Area & Rural Countryside," 12/3-1/4, opening reception 12/3, 5:30-7:30 pm. 551 Sutter St, SF. Info: 421-5193.

Morphos Gallery: "Thomas Stanton: Recent Paintings," and "Robert Strati: Installation," on exhibit thru 11/24. 544 Hayes St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-7 pm; Sat 11 am-6 pm; and by appt. Info: 626-1936.

NIAD (Nat'l Institute of Art & Disabilities) Gallery: 2nd Annual "Art from the Heart: Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale," 11/21-12/31, opening celebration 11/21, 1-4 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Gallery Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 10:30 am-1 pm. Info: (510) 620-0290.

New Langton Arts Gallery: 5th Annual Swig/Watkins Exhibition features work by artists Brett Cook Dizney, Paula Metallo & Johanna Poethig. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Thru 11/20. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 626-5416.

Pro Arts Gallery: "Relocation Stories," multiside, multimedia project by James Luna describes the experience of a group of Native Americans who participated in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' relocation program of the 1950s & 1960s; thru 12/18. 1993 Pro-Arts Holiday Sale presents unique, functional & utilitarian art, 11/19-12/24. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sun 10 am-5 pm. 461 9th St, Oakl. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Richmond Art Center: "Visions of Light: Holiday Arts Festival & Annual Art Auction," fundraising event for the Richmond Art Center. Includes fine art & crafts sales by over 200 Bay Area artists, children's art activities, raffle, food & more. 12/5, 1-5 pm. Civic Center Plaza, 25th & Barrett, Richmond. Silent Auction preview 11/29-12/4. Info: (510) 620-6772.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Aleksandras Macijauskas: My Lithuania," exhibit of photos depicting the daily life of the people of Lithuania; thru 11/27. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Art Commission Gallery: "Domestic Tranquility," exhibit of work by several artists exploring the pleasures, trials & terrors of life at home. 11/18-12/18, opening reception 11/18, 6-8 pm, artists' talk 12/2, 7 pm. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

SF Camerawork: "The Family Seen," exhibit of photos examining how the family is viewed by contemporary society & how the photographic image em-

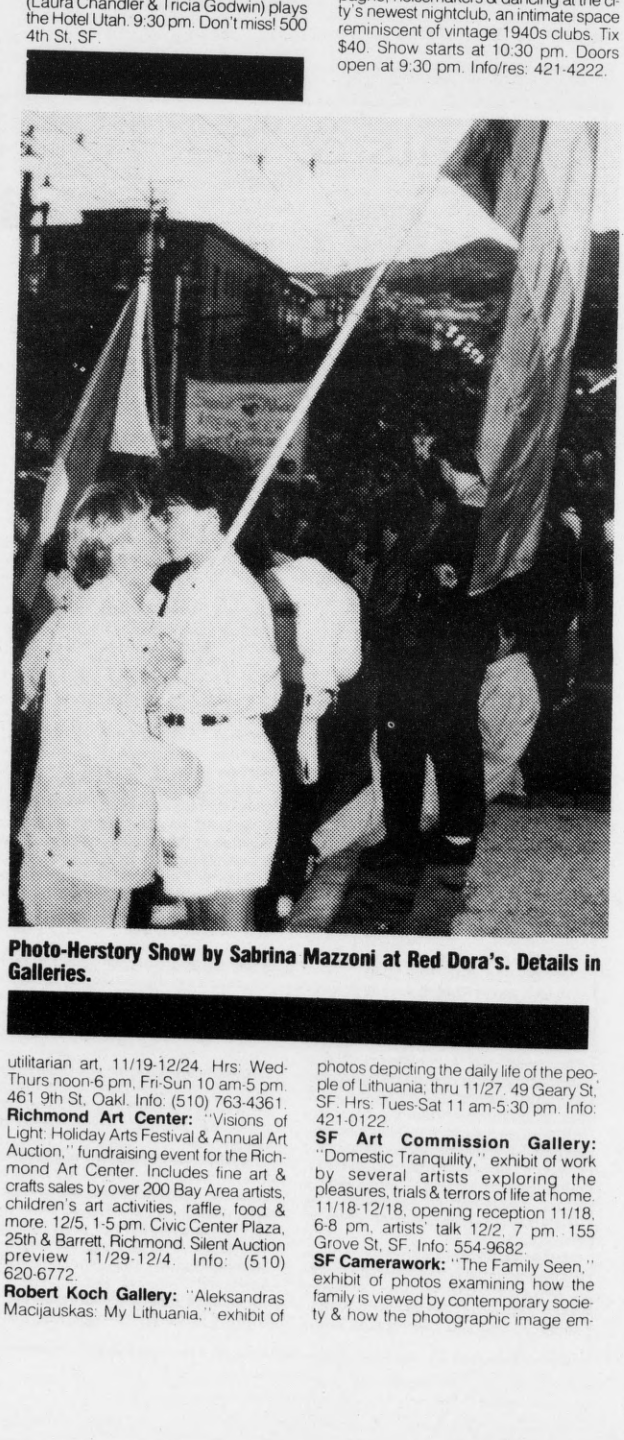

Photo-Herstory Show by Sabrina Mazzoni at Red Dora's. Details in Galleries.

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powers the social & personal imagination of what constitutes a family. Group show of work by 19 artists. "Who's Afraid of Red, Blue, Yellow, Green & Orange?" photos by LA-based photographer Keith Boadwee. "Lucky," photos by SF artist Kent Howie. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Unknown Africa: Selections from the Collection of Dan Crowley," exhibit of rare & unusual African art, thru 1/2. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

Stamp Art Gallery: "Mittendorf: Hand-carved Art Stamps" and "Pico Sanchez: Hand Carved Prints," exhibits run thru 12/31. 466 8th St, SF. Info: 252-5975.

University Art Museum: "Visions of the Dharma: Images of Japanese Buddhism," thru 1/2. "Dennis Oppenheim: Land & Body Projects, 1967-1971," thru 1/2. "Richard Tuttle: Space/Sculpture," thru 1/2. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Pacific Film Archive: "Banned in the USA: America & Film Censorship," a 27-film touring series about censorship & cinema; thru 12/18. Features 15 programs using archival prints as well as informal lectures by film historians, critics & attorneys, looking at censorship within a broad, historical overview, encompassing almost a century of contestation. Each of the films shown in the series has been the subject of controversy for "objectionable" topics, "shocking" images or "unacceptable" attitudes. For detailed program info, call (510) 642-1412. UC-Berkeley, 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley.

Vision Gallery: "Homeless: Portraits of Americans in Hard Times," photos by Howard Schatz, on exhibit thru 12/4. Photos by Jan Saudek, on exhibit thru 12/4. "Joyce Tenneson: Transformations," photos on exhibit thru 12/4. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Erotic Sculpture by Harry Tanner on exhibit thru 11/22 at Jaguar Adult Books, 4057 18th St (in the Castro), SF. Info: 863-4777.

"Cat on the Track," exhibit of works by Aladin Stadlin at Castro Country Club, 4058 18th St, SF. Thru 12/8.

"Writing with Light," group photographic exhibit at Marathon Plaza, 303 2nd St, SF. Thru 12/1. Info: 777-5548.

Mixed media art by Virginia Bowen, on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret, thru 11/30. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

John LeFlore: Paintings & drawings, works in watercolor, acrylics, pen, brush, ink & pastel, on exhibit thru 11/30 at Hair It Is, 323 Geary Blvd, Ste 807, SF; and at Milano Joe's Restaurant, 1175 Folsom St, SF. Thru 12/10. Info: 433-6549.

"Gaia & Her Snake Sisters," works by Connie Butler on exhibit thru 11/21 at Quicksilver Mine Co in Guerneville. Info: (707) 869-9357.

"Indian Territory Album: Roads of Relocation," ethnographic paintings by Manyi-ten, (NGED), of 13 tribes relocated to Oklahoma. Thru 11/20. Gathering Tribes Gallery, 1309 Solano Ave, Albany. Info: (510) 528-9038.

Pedro Rafael Gonzalez-Chavajay: "Mayan Heritage Endures," paintings by Mayan Indian painter from Guatemala, on exhibit thru 11/30 at Farley's, 1315 18th St nr Texas, SF (Potrero Hill).

"Exploring Female," watercolors by Abigail F Linfert at Live Art Studios, 151 Potrero Ave, SF. Thru 11/30. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Sun noon-5 pm and by appt. Info: 285-6894.

Photos by Jane Krensky at Quicksilver Mine Co in Guerneville. 14028 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: (707) 869-9357. 11/27-1/2.

"Family, Friends, Pop Stars & Priests," debut showing of paintings by Jaimsie Duliakas at Double Rainbow, 1653 Polk St, SF. Thru 11/30.

"Color Number One," an installation at Scone City Cafe, 1314 Ocean Ave, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 6 am-3 pm, Sat 8 am-2 pm, Sun 9 am-2 pm. Thru 12/11. Info: 333-2400.

"Ship of Dreams," exhibit of drawings by sculpture by Lewis Meyers, Jr & David Tomb at Turn of the Century Fine Arts, 2520 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Opening reception 11/19, 6-9 pm. Thru 1/15. Hrs: Tues-Fri 8 am-5 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. Info: (510) 849-0950.

"The Classical Players," exhibit of paintings of jazz artists by Jihmye Collins. Thru 1/1 at Sunrise Fine Arts Gallery, 23 Grant St, SF. 2nd floor. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 11 am-6 pm, Sat 11 am-4 pm. Info: 398-7620.

Paintings, Drawings & Bronze Prints by Jo Walters, on exhibit at Sculpture Services Foundry & Gallery, 11/20, 2-5 pm (bronze pouring demo at 4 pm, weather permitting). After the 11/20 reception, private showings available by appt thru 12/1. 1466 3rd St (south of Prescott District), Oakl. Info/directions: (510) 452-4250.

"Paris, Visions of the Future," photos by Italian photographers Maria Grazia Della Casa & Laila Pozzo. 11/29-12/18. Mon-Fri 10 am-12:30, 2:30-6 pm. French Class, 500 Sutter St, SF. Ste 503. Opening reception 12/3, 4-7 pm. Info: 362-3666.

Sharon Art Studio Sale: Holiday sale with unique work done by Sharon Art students: ceramics, leaded & fused glass, jewelry & more. Items are priced to sell. 12/5, 11 am-5 pm. Golden Gate Park (near the Children's Playground), SF. Info: 753-7004 or 753-7006.

Photo-Herstory Show by Sabrina Mazzoni at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Thru Nov. Info: 626-2805.

"Having A Witness (HAW)," an installation by Victoria Peterson identifying & questioning western adulthood experiences. 12/1, 6-9 pm. Four video stations, assorted relics & a camera will be available for testifying. 2085 #6 Art Space, 2085 Hayes St, No. 6, SF.

"Artists' Images of AIDS & Images by Artists Living with AIDS," multimedia art exhibit by over 50 artists, on exhibit at College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery in Kentfield. Reception 11/21, 4-7 pm. Thru 12/17. Info: 485-9494.

Visual Aid Benefit Exhibition features work by Michael Paulson. Opens 11/30 (on the eve of A Day Without Art), runs thru 12/5 at Opts Art Gallery, 250 4th St, SF. Opening reception 11/30, 6-9 pm. Info: 546-7844. Hrs: Tues 6-9 pm, Wed-Sat 11 am-5 pm, Sun 11 am-2 pm.

Central City Hospitality House Holiday Art Celebration Arts & Crafts Sale: Opening reception 11/30, 5-7 pm at Crocker Galleria, 50 Post St, SF. Exhibit & sale runs thru 12/24 at two locations: Hospitality House Store/Crocker Galleria, 50 Post St, SF (1st floor) and Hospitality House Art Studio, 146 Leavenworth St, SF. Info: 749-2180.

Victoria Room Gallery: Hrs: Sat & Sun, 1-5 pm; Thurs 4-8 pm. 180 6th St at Howard, SF. Info: 255-0364.

on stage

Arthur & Leila by Cherylene Lee. Leila Chin-Abernathy is a pillar of the Chinese American community with a successful husband, wealth, prestige and just one problem—a blackmailing older brother. Play presents a humorous & delicate rendering of an odd yet symbiotic relationship between an aging brother & sister in search of their family legacy. Brava! For Women in the Arts production. Runs Wed-Sun thru 11/21 at 8 pm, 2 pm Sun. Bayfront Theatre, Bldg B, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 776-8999. Tix $11-15.

How the Other Half Loves by Alan Ayckbourn. Comedy Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $14, Sun at 8 pm, $10, thru 11/21. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

Giants Have Us in Their Books by Jose Rivera. Tales of love, sex & death: six magical fables for adults. Magic Theatre production. Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm (no 2 pm matinee on 12/5). Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

Jeffrey, award-winning comedy by Paul Rudnick. Provocative comedy about a young NY actor/waiter who vows to give up sex, then meets a bartender who may be the man of his dreams. Play runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri at 8:30 pm, Sat at 5 & 8:30 pm, Sun at 3 & 7 pm. Tix $22-30. Theatre on the Square, 450 Post St, SF, floor 2M. Info/res 433-9500 or BASS.

Merry-Go-Round by Elaine A Clark & Dennis Lancaster. Chronicle of one man's funny yet painful struggle to grow up & live in the dangerous world called adulthood. Danny is a "30-something" actor who performs only in children's shows, clinging desperately to his childhood. When that fantasy world is threatened, he is forced to choose between hiding behind his cartoon characters & accepting responsibility. Climate Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 7 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm, thru 11/27. Tix $17. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

Mistiblu by Roberto Ramos-Perea, translated by Charles P Thomas. Erotic farce, a fantastic tale of obsession & the quest for eternal life. When Count Saint Germain refuses to give Mistiblu, the elixir of eternal life, to an aging Casanova, Casanova enlists the help of pop star Madonna to exact his horrifying revenge. PM productions. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, thru 11/21. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St at Hampshire, SF. Tix $12-15. Info/res: 905-4605.

Endgame/Act Without Words I, two Samuel Beckett one-acts. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm on 11/20 & 18, Thurs matinees at 2 pm 12/2 & 9, thru 12/19. No performance on Thanksgiving Day, special added performance 11/22 at 8 pm. Tix $20-32.50. Info/res: (510) 845-4700. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison at Shattuck, downtown Berkeley.

Red Noses by Peter Barnes. Savage & witty comedy set in 14th century France during the time of the Black Plague. Toad Productions, Inc. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/5 (no performance on Thanksgiving Day, 11/25). Tix $10-12. Info/res: (415) 207-3371 or (510) 934-6782. SOMAR Theater, 934 Brannan St, SF.

The Popul Vuh, theatrical adaptation of the Mayan myth of creation, in English & Spanish, by Luis Oropeza. Latin American Theater Artists production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, thru 11/28. Teatro Mision, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $5 srs, stdnts & children. Info/res: 695-6970.

Beach Blanket Babylon, SF's longest-running musical revue, highlights its customary zaniness with tap-dancing Christmas trees, take-offs on favorite carols & a colossal yuletide hat. At Club Fugazi, 678 Green St, SF. Tix $17-40. Info/res: 421-6788.

Texas Chainsaw 90210, a production of the Sick & Twisted Players, SF's critically acclaimed cult-comedy theater troupe. Feature-length horror spoof full of extremely dark humor and gory special effects (show features a different survivor each night!). Runs Fri & Sat at 9 pm, thru 11/27. Bernice Street Playhouse, 21 Bernice St at 12th, SF. Info/res: 863-5946.

Jumping the Broom, new romantic comedy revue about the conflicts, contradictions & creativity of lesbian & gay weddings. Theatre Rhino production combines the work of more than a dozen Bay Area playwrights, each asked to write scenes reflecting issues specific to same-sex marriages. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sat at 5pm & Sun at 3 pm, thru 12/11. Tix $12-18. Theatre Rhino mainstage, 2926 16th St at Mission, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Always... Patsy Cline, country-western musical conceived & directed by Ted Swindley. Rollicking revue recounts the true story of a close friendship developed between the country singer & her most ardent fan, Louise Seger, and features such Cline country classics as "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," "Walking After Midnight," and "Sweet Dreams." Columbia Actors' Repertory production. Runs Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat 2 & 8 pm, Sun 2 & 7 pm, at Mason Street Theater, 340 Mason St, SF. Previews $18, tix $18-26. Info/res: 982-5463.

The Moon Demon by Michael Schreiber. Dark comedy looks at a witch trial in 17th century Germany. Play explores themes of bigotry, prejudice & mass hysteria. Previews on 11/18, play opens 11/19, runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/12; except on 11/28 & 12/5 (those shows are 2 pm matinees). No performance on Thanksgiving Day, 11/25. Bannam Place Theater, 50 Bannam Place, near Union & Grant in North Beach, SF. Tix $12 gen'l, $9 11/18 preview. Info/res: 648-6977. Tix avail at Modern Times Bookstore in SF.

Linda Tillery & the Cultural Heritage Choir perform "Yonder Come Day: The New Spirituals Project." See Nov. 26-27. Photo by Harry Wade.

Holiday Memories, Russell Vandenbroucke's adaptation of two Truman Capote stories. Runs thru 12/19 at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Aurora Theatre Co production. Info/res: (510) 843-4822.

A Dance Along the Precipice by David Barth. Historical psychodrama about a quiet revolution in American politics whose seminal event was the Whittaker Chambers/Alger Hiss perjury trial of 1948. Play focuses on how the plight of Chambers, a troubled former communist, and the ambition of his defenders helped define the dubious mission of the post-war American Right. Play dramatizes the weird human extremities that help fuel the cration of new worlds, new ideas & new times. Intersection for the Arts production. Runs Thurs-Sun, thru 12/12. Intersection for the Arts Theatre, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

Roadkill on the Information Highway by Ian Shoales. Ian Shoales & J Raoul Brody combine their unique talents in a fast-paced musical salute to some of our ephemeral cultural icons that have fallen, or are about to fall, by the pop culture wayside—a salute to roadkill—past, present & future. The Marsh, in association with Bowl of Topics, production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, thru 12/5. No show on Thanksgiving Day. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St nr 22nd, SF. Tix $8-12 SL donation Thurs & Sun; $12 gen'l Fri & Sat, $10 srs, stdnts & financially disadvantaged. Info/res: 641-0235.

The Mud Angel by Darrah Cloud. An exploration of sexual power and the fear of it. Play confronts issues of family repression which lead to unspoken power struggles. A Single Strand production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 11/27. No show on Thanksgiving Day. Diesel Cathedral (across the street from New Performance Gallery), 3178 #2, 17th St, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 995-2558.

The Well of Horniness by Holly Hughes. Raunchy, ridiculous lesbodrama skewers '50s female imagery—from the dimestore dames and femme fatales of film noir to the happy homemakers and bright-eyed wives of TV—thru the tale of a housewife caught in a web of secrets, sin and her own dark desires. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm, thru 12/5. Tix $12. Info/res: 861-5079. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF.

Knowing the Questions, solo performance piece by Jamie Berger. A multiple choice journey thru the tormented mind of a teacher of business school hopefuls. Play begins as a lecture on logical reasoning but quickly degenerates/expands into an epic foray into questions that preoccupy post-modern America. Thurs-Sat, thru 11/21, at Above Brainwash Theater, 1126 Folsom St, SF. 8 pm, $10.

To Grandmother's House We Go by Joanna Glass. Funny, sweet portrayal of a modern New England family coming together as they come apart at "Grandie's" house over Thanksgiving weekend. Los Altos Conservatory Theatre. Runs Thurs-Sat, thru 12/11. Tix $11 gen'l on Thurs, $9 srs & stdnts. Tix $13 Fri & Sat. 8 pm. Los Altos Conservatory Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos. Info/res: 941-5228.

Box Conspiracy, an interactive show by George Coates Performance Works. Comic musical about today's explosive new technologies and the coming national information network. The work takes the audience, wearing 3-D glasses, on a hyper-real experience of the interactive future when the soon-to-be ubiquitous Digital Converter Box makes every home TV set a two-way transporter on the information highway. Play runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm; thru 12/31. Tix $17, 24 & 34 on Fri & Sat; $14, 21 & 31 on Sun. George Coates Performance Works, 110 McAllister St, SF. Info/res: 863-4130.

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The Skin of Our Teeth, Pulitzer Prize-winning visionary fantasy by Thornton Wilder. Play looks at the story of mankind seen thru the timeless lives of an ordinary family from a small town in New Jersey. From ice age to great flood, thru fire, pestilence, a dozen wars and as many depressions, they survive a thousand calamities by the skin of their teeth, preserving, just barely, the eternal values of the human spirit. TheatreWorks production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 11/21. TheatreWorks, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, Castro & Mercy Sts, Mountain View. Tix $12-24. Info/res: 903-6000.

The Baltimore Waltz by Paula Vogel. A surreal comedy/tragedy, winner of the 1992 Obie Award for best American play. Palo Alto Players production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, thru 11/20. Tix $14-16. Info/res: 329-2623. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto.

Santos & Santos by Octavio Solis. Play tels the story of three brothers & their struggle with family, morality, identity and each brother's quest for a rapidly darkening American Dream. Thick Description production, in association with Eureka Theatre. 12/10-12, 12/15-19 at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $12.50-$16.50. Info/res: 621-7797 or BASS.

Scum: The Valerie Solanas Story by Kathi Georges. 1968. Valerie Solanas (*SCUM Manifesto*) shoots Andy Warhol. A true story of a seminal voice of the feminist movement. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater Co production. Previews 12/1 at 9 pm, tix $5. Opens Thurs 12/2, runs Thurs-Sat at 9 pm thru 1/23. Tix $10-$12. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St (btwn 11th $12th, off Howard), SF. Info/res: 552-3034.

On the 20th Century, musical comedy by Cy Coleman. Story of a down-on-his-luck theater producer who will do anything to get his erstwhile star away from Hollywood and back onto his stage. CTA Theatre Arts production. Runs 11/24-12/11 at Walnut Creek Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tix $18.50 gen'l, $16.50 srs & stdnts. Info/res: (510) 943-SHOW.

The Philadelphia Story by Philip Barry. Festive holiday story, revolving around the impending marriage of socialite Tracey Lord to upwardly mobile George Kittredge. Things go awry. Hillbarn Theatre production. Play opens 11/19, runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm thru 12/18; with Thurs performances at 8 pm on 12/2 & 9 and Sun matinees at 2 pm on 12/5 & 12. Tix $9 & $14. Info/res: 349-6411. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E. Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City.

A Tuna Christmas by Jaston Williams & Joe Sears. Hilarious sequel to the long-running hit comedy returns to Marines Memorial Theatre, inviting you to forget the Nutcracker and spend time with some genuine nuts, in this holiday visit to the wacky world of Tuna, Texas. Play opens 11/24, runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun eves at 7:30 pm, thru 12/11; with matinees Sat & Sun at 2 pm. Also 3 holiday matinees, 12/8 at 2 pm, 11/26 & 12/10 at 2 pm. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 771-6900.

Noh Christmas Carol, a world premiere adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic holiday tale, adapted by Cianna Stewart. Play, set in northern Japan in the 1890s, is a colorful & wildly visual blending of traditional Japanese dance/theatre forms including Noh, Kyogen, Butoh & puppetry to vividly tell the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his spiritual odyssey. Theatre of Yugen production. Play previews 11/29 & 30, runs 12/1-23 at Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St, SF. Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 2 & 8 pm. Tix $8-12. Info/res: 621-7978.

Sometimes We Need A Story More Than Food, written & performed by Corey Fischer. 90-min solo piece is a theatrical excursion thru 18th century Poland, first century Jerusalem, modern day Prague, LA freeways & NY delicatessens. Fischer weaves together the magic of traditional tales with the lived experience of autobiographical stories. A Traveling Jewish Theatre production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm, thru 12/5. Tix $15 Wed, Thurs & Sun eves, and Sun matinees; $18 Fri, $22 Sat. Magic Theatre, Bldg D, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 474-8855 or 399-1809.

Houdini: The Escape, written by Ron Severdia. Show chronicles the life of Harry Houdini, who climbed to fame from humble beginnings as a "card manipulator" to one of the world's most popular performers. Drama punctures the myths surrounding his death, explores his lifelong romance with Bess Rahner, the death of his mother and his desperate attempts to contact her thru spirit mediums, which led to a lifelong commitment to exposing fraudulent spiritualists. Climate Theatre production. Runs Fri & Sat at 9 pm, Sun at 7 pm, thru 12/5. Info/res: 626-9196. Tix $16.50. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF.

Bewitched, the Play by John Lamas, based on the popular '60s television show. New Conservatory Theatre production. Proceeds benefit the New Conservatory HIV Touring Company. Play runs Thurs-Sat, 12/2-1/1, at 8 pm. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. Info/res: 861-8972.

The Dining Room by AR Gurney. A witty look at WASP America. Diego Rivera Theatre production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 11/18-21. Diego Rivera Theatre, City College of SF, 50 Phelan Ave, SF. Info/res: 239-3100.

Bessie's Blues by Thomas Jones II. Sizzling show based on "the Empress of the Blues" Bessie Smith—a musical travelogue mixed with jazz, hip hop & rap, about the lives of the entertainers who gave birth to the blues. Play runs 11/26-12/19 at Oakland Ensemble Theatre, Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St, downtown Oakl. Info/res: (510) 238-7222.

"Dance Time," a celebration of 500 years of courtship thru dance, presented by Dance Through Time, a group known nationwide for its period reconstructions of dances from Western cultures. Show reflects the free-flowing evolution of courtship roles & romantic interactions thru elaborately re-created period movement, music & costumes. Runs 11/26-28 (8 pm, with 2:30 pm matinee on 11/28) at Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, SF and 12/3-4 (8 pm, with 2:30 pm matinee at 12/4) at Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Tix $13-17 gen'l, $5 matinee tix for kids under 12, stdnt & sr discounts available. Info/res: City Box Office, (415) 392-4400; Julia Morgan Theater (510) 84-JULIA.

Phantom of the Operetta: Part Deux, Lamplighters Musical Theatre's annual original scripted fundraiser returns to Basingstoke Regency where a zany cast of characters break loose & turn their satirical eye & ear on the events of 1993, lampooning Phantom of the Opera & Jurassic Park in high Gilbert & Sullivan style. Runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 12/8-11. Tix: Thurs $32, Fri-Sat $38. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Info/res: 752-7755.

The Thanksgiving Visitor by Truman Capote. Theatre Rhinoceros' annual production of the holiday classic, read by Robert Coffman. 11/22 at 8 pm on the Theatre Rhino Mainstage, 2926 16th St, SF. Tix $8, includes post-performance reception. Info/res: 861-5079.

A Christmas Memory by Truman Capote. Theatre Rhino's annual production of the holiday classic, read by Robert Coffman. 12/6 at 8 pm. Tix $8, includes post-performance reception. Theatre Rhino Mainstage, 2926 16th St, SF Info/res: 861-5079.

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. Classic interpretation of the familiar holiday story, with a multicultural cast drawn from Mills College & the surrounding communities. Mills College production. Runs 11/27, 12/4 & 11 at 7:30 pm and 11/28, 12/5 & 12 at 2 pm. Lisser Hall, Mills College Theatre, Oakl. Tix $7 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs, $4 kids under 12. Info/res: (510) 430-3308.

An American Christmas Carol by Peter Burns, adapted from the story by Charles Dickens. Set during the Great Depression, play tells the tale of a greedy old miser who finds new meaning & appreciation for Christmas when he is visited by three ghosts on Christmas Eve. Fri & Sat at 7:30 pm, thru 12/18. Dinnertainment Theater production. $15.50 per person, you choose between a ham or turkey dinner, you can bring your own wine. 101 S. Ellsworth St, nr 3rd ave, San Mateo. Info/res: 342-ACT2.

Weber Family Christmas: A charmingly blasphemous yuletide tale, the 6th & last SF edition of Fratelli Bolognia's zany comedy about the Webers and their familiar, yet skewed Christmas rituals. Climate Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 8 pm, 12/3-26 (no evening performance on 12/5, 12/24 or 12/25). Previews Wed & Thurs, 12/1 & 2, at 8 pm. Tix $10-26. Info/res: City Box Office 392-4400. Bayfront Theatre, Bldg B, Ft Mason Center, SF.

Lifestyles of the Yin & Yang one-man show written & performed by Brian Degan Scott. A bizarre adventure thru a spiritual limbo land of channeled spirits. Chi Chang Loa is a maintenance engineer for Sylvia, a TaskMaster 2100 Life Support System for the NORAD defense network. In the course of demonstrating the TaskMaster, "Sylvia" breaks down and Chang is shocked into unconsciousness, after which 16 different characters begin to channel their manic, funny, philosophical offerings thru the hapless engineer. Daed Alice production. Play runs Fri-Sun, 11/19-21 & 26-28 at the Open Egg Theatre, 450 Geary St, SF. 8 pm. Tix $12-$15. Info/res: (510) 524-1121.

A Karen Carpenter Christmas by Tom Ross & Morey Goldstein. Karen Carpenter has been offered the opportunity to star in her very own Christmas TV special, but she has to come up with a concept, too, and she's lost her Christmas spirit. Nevertheless she perseveres. Yuletide comedy extravaganza features classics from the Carpenter canon, Christmas songs & Broadway show-stoppers. The Marsh production. Runs 12/8-12, 15-19, 21-24, 26-30 at 8:30 pm, with added 10:30 pm performances on 12/11, 18 & 24. Tix $12. Info/res: 282-6024. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF.

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► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, 5 pm-5 am every night. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling HIV disease in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 558-6999. 1540 Market St, #320, SF 94102.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent: Support Group for men of African descent with disabling HIV disease or AIDS. Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, come together & share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & many other topics. Group meets Wed eves, 6-7:30 pm at 18th Street Services, 217 Church St at Market, SF. Spons by the Client Services Dept, SF AIDS Foundation. Info: 864-5855.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info call 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

Kaiser-San Francisco offers several HIV drop-in support groups: asymptomatic HIV, symptomatic HIV, AIDS, caregivers, women with HIV, multiple loss, HIV-negative men. For more info call Melissa Farley 202-2292.

Kaiser Oakland offers support & education groups on a variety of HIV issues. (HIV-positive gay men's group, HIV-positive women's group, public education forum, couples, family & friends HIV support group, potluck socials). All groups meet 6:30-8 pm. For days & other info call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6337. Childcare is available for some groups. For info on the monthly HIV forum call Joe Di Milia, HIV Health Educator, at 596-6848.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Southeast Asian AIDS Prevention Project offers HIV/AIDS info & private counseling in Vietnamese, Cambodian & Lao. Free prevention supplies given discreetly. Info: 885-2743.

Oscar Romero AIDS Project provides educational & technical HIV outreach to the poor of El Salvador. Group also brings supplies of condoms, literature & other materials to El Salvador. Info: 241-0398. 250 Fell St #21, SF 94102.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

AIDS Project of Contra Costa offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education & volunteer training opportunities. Info: (510) 356-AIDS, 2280 Diamond Blvd, Concord 94520.

San Mateo County AIDS Program provides HIV prevention services, testing & counseling, early intervention, primary care, social services, support groups, a drop-in center for people with HIV and clinical trials. Safer Sex Patrol volunteers do gay outreach. Multicultural. 3700 Edison St, San Mateo. Info: 573-2588, Mon-Fri, 8 am-5 pm. Volunteers are welcome!

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: Offers groups, grief support & resource materials for partners, spouses, friends & family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Intro sessions Thurs 7:30 pm. Weekly open house Fri 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome! 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: 861-0877

Home Care Companions, Inc offers free home care skills workshops for PWAs, their partners, family & friends. Get practical advice needed to help manage HIV disease at home. Licensed professionals teach the basics in a frank, positive atmosphere. The 5-evening course is offered monthly. Info/res: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to

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parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430.

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV + Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF. 2nd floor. 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Asian American Communities Against AIDS: Provides counseling, referrals & case management services to the Asian/Pacific Islander communities in SF. Chinese, Pilipino, Japanese & Vietnamese individuals are encouraged to call & discuss issues around sex, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Free & confidential. Info: 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Qi Gong Instruction offered at low charge ($1 per class) to SF residents with HIV/AIDS by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Qi gong is a excercise/meditation practice from China which helps cultivate vitality & build endurance. Classe held Mon & Wed mornings, 11 am-noon at the ACTCM Community Clinic, 450 Conneticut St on Potrero Hill in SF. Instructor Charles Alston, LAc. Info/reg: 282-9603. Space limited.

Ongoing poetry workshop for HIV positive gay men. Thurs 3-5 pm. Info/location: Darrell 221-8779.

Stop AIDS Mtg for men 50 & older. Meet other gay & bisexual men your age at a free, one-time, informal meeting to talk about safe sex; confidentially share your feelings, ideas & knowledge about AIDS and the effect it is having on us. Meetings are pro-gay & sex-positive, and designed to show us that we can still carry on sexual relationships. Info/reg: 621-7177.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Place for healing one's heart & spirit, especially for people with life-challenging illnesses such as AIDS & cancer, and for their friends & families. Focus is on love, support & being real. Group meets Thurs at 7:30 pm at the SF Center for Living, 4054 18th St, off Castro, SF.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV +, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

The Hearing Society of the Bay Area provides services for people with hearing loss related to HIV infection. Group offers a hearing aid loan program, hearing loss & communication classes for people with HIV/AIDS, voc rehab, social work services, loans of assistive devices & other audiological services. Fees determined by income, ability to pay & eligibility for MediCal, Medicare or Dept of Rehab programs. Karen 693-5870 (voice), 834-1005 (TDD)

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9" ×6" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, chiropractic & massage therapy for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor. All practitioners are HIV-certified. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox therapy for alcohol/drug withdrawal for HIV-positive/PWA gay men. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

Pyramid Ridge Wellness Ctr: Scenic retreat focused on HIV healing. Offers private sessions & workshops. Uses effective energy technique that is non-invasive & non-biological. Fee based on ability to pay. Info: Carol Hannum (707) 869-0985.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper artides & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

Free Acupuncture & Herbal Treatment Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation, thru funding provided by the Ryan White Care Grant. Free services offered to HIV positive people of color. Individuals with a history of substance abuse are also welcome. Services for people with other medical problems are available at nominal fee. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 7 am-2:45 pm. Info: 822-8200.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

Positive Resource, Inc: Nonprofit job referral service for people who are HIV positive. Organization provides a pool of skilled personnel to corporations, small businesses & individuals who require temporary & permanent employees. Info: Dori 928-1448.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

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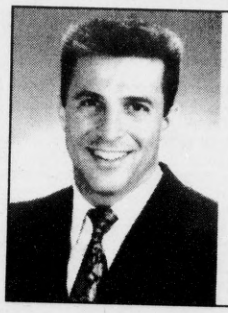

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Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Henry Ohlhoff Programs (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354.

Discover Your Right Livelihood Group: Talk about career goals & interests in a safe, anonymous 12-Step environment. DA/ACA Right Livelihood Meeting. 6:45 pm Mon at the Dry Dock, 2118 Greenwich St at Fillmore, SF. On the 22 Fillmore & the 43 Masonic Muni lines.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) services for people recovering from drugs and alcohol, see Health.

18th Street Services helps SF gay/bi men with alcohol/drug problems get clean & sober. Group/individual counseling. 217 Church St at Market, SF. Info: 861-4898.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. This is a closed meeting, please call (707) 528-9216 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Free Drop-in Groups for lesbians, gay men and bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Drop-in group for women meets Mon, 7-8 pm; drop-in group for men meets Thurs, 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral for substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern). 1853 Market St, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 TTY: 252-8376.

Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides individual & group counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems, who are taking psychiatric medications, and/or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one denied services because of inability to pay. For info/intake appt: 626-7000. TTY: 252-8376. 1853 Market St, SF. WA.

AIR (Alternatives in Recovery) Circle for those seeking reocvery based in spirituality & peer support, but not limited to the 12-Steps. Group seeks to expand the context in which our healing process can unfold, especially in areas of addiction/compulsion lying beyond substance abuse. All sincere seekers welcome. Info: Tree 242-1535.

Weight-Loss Support Group for Gay Men who prefer their support without the 12-Steps, Hail Marys or sworn allegiance to a higher power. Wkly meetings to share encouragement, exercise, recipes, some activites. Write PO Box 422502, SF CA 94142.

Women's Feminist Alternative to Patriarchal 12-Step Programs: Group is inclusive and validating of each women's experience. Based on Charlotte Kasl's book, *Many Roads, One Journey* and her 16-Steps for Discovery & Empowerment. Meets Mon at Old Wives Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: Constance 285-7017.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

The Oral History Project of the Lesbian/Gay Historical Society records on tape the lives & histories of lesbian, gay, transgender & bisexual people in SF & the Bay Area. Project also provides support for interviewers working on individual projects and coordinates group projects open to new volunteers. Training sessions in oral history interviewing held approx every 6 weeks. For more info call Lyndall or Nina Jo 626-0980.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: Umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

Bay Area Bisexual Women's Network: A loose network of bi women's groups around the Bay Area who offer support/discussion groups, spons wkshops & organize women-only events & social activities. For newsletter listing social activities & events as well as dates, times & discussion topics for support groups, write S, the Editor, PO Box 9388, San Rafael 94912.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 5-7 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Ingrid 775-2620.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bi-Support Group at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek. 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Eastbay Bi Women's Support Group: Share & explore in safety. Mon eves. Info: Jessie (510) 232-4972 or Renee (510) 841-2101.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF). social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Eastbay Bi Women's Social Group meets at the Tea Spot in Berkeley on Thurs, 7-9 pm. Info: Judith (510) 528-5331.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Peninsula Bi-Guys group for men into male bonding, beach parties, massage, hot springs, houseboat trips, bicycling, hiking, dining out, theater, cards, games & great conversation. Info: Roger 369-1610 or PO Box 610071, Redwood City, 94061.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

Marin Bisexual Social/Support Group meets in Central Marin on 1st & 3rd Wed of each month. Interested men & women are welcome. Info: Larry 454-5638.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Jewish Bi's meet once per month for support/rap group. Alternate Eastbay/SF locations. Group does events for Jewish Bi's only, and also events for the entire Bi community & friends. Plus education on anti-Semitism & biphobia in the B/L/G communities and biphobia/homophobia education in the organized Jewish community. Info: Jim (415) 337-4566 or Susan (510) 528-7139.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Next Step: Out from Under, Volume Two—Call for submissions from lesbians who are "old-timers" in recovery, for a new anthology focusing on lesbians in recovery from a variety of addictions, with a focus on later stage (eight-plus years) recovery. Any style/format and recovery program considered. Send SASE for guidelines to Jean Swallow, OFU2 Editor, 2404 California St #27, SF CA 94115. Deadline: 11/1.

Bearing the Unbearable: Stories of Losing Loved Ones to AIDS: Submissions sought for an anthology edited by Leslea Newman, to be published by Crossing Press. First person nonfiction narratives in prose & poetry sought. Send SASE for writers guidelines BEFORE sending manuscript to: Leslea Newman, Bearing the Unbearable, PO Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: 3/15/94.

Listen To This... seeks stories, photos, art or journal entries for an anthology of real-life coming out stories of lesbian, gay, bi or questioning young people. Confidentiality assured. Write: Listen To This... 2215-R Market St, Box 112, SF 94114 or call 641-5896.

Queer Films/Videos Wanted by "The Voyeur Foyer", channel 51's new queer film & video show. Submissions sought for new series starting 1/94. Send material under 28 min and on VHS. Send SASE to Submit Films & Productions, 35 A Hoff St, SF. 94110.

Economics: Feminist/Womonist Theory & Practice for Survival in a Sexist System is the topic of the first issue of a new feminist/womonist writer's journal. Editorial commentary, short stories, poetry, reviews & illustration are welcome. Writing sought from supporters of radical feminism, lesbian/womonist rights & community-building, re-institution of the matriarchy and changing of our sexist & racist language as a tool of empowerment. Info: JB (510) 601-0966.

Peace of Art, a innovative publishing company, seeks original artwork & photography that depicts the trauma of AIDS. Creations will be published in a high-quality art book, with portion of proceeds going to support AIDS organizations. Send materials (slides, photos, etc) SASE to Peace of Art, 232 Cleveland Ave, Mill Valley, 94941. Info: (415) 380-9869 or (800) 576-9869. Deadline: 1/31.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Alternative Dyke Space offers fun & games, music, conversation, etc for women in an alcohol and smoke-free environment. For event schedule see Main Calendar listings. 4035 18th St, SF (one block from Castro).

Coming Home Hospice Bingo: Every Thurs at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. $12 buy-in/open 6/games 7.

Lezdance at Brew Moon Coffeehouse: 16248 Main St, Guerneville. Sat, 9 pm-1 am, $3 cover. With DJs Laney G & Jenny A.

Please check the "Hobbies" section for related groups.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

The Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

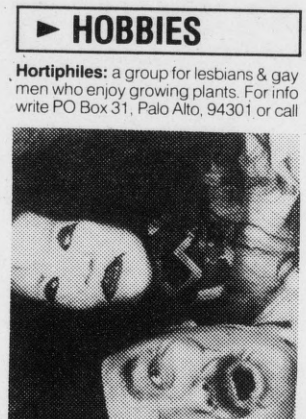
Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call Tamar Gershon, MD, 476-1777.

The Wellness Community: A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox theraphy for alcohol/drug withdrawal. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call



Theatre of Yugen's "Noh Christmas Carol"—OnStage has info. Photo by David Allen.

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Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Single Lesbian Dogwalkers Group for single gay females with dog(s). Come meet others! Meet 1st & 3rd Sun at 11 as at Ft Funston, near the hang glider's bench. Info: Freddi 757-0142.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model in intimate home/studio setting. Tues, 7-9:30 pm. 1229 Folsom St, btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Call 621-6294 for reservations. Inquiries also accepted from men interested in modeling.

Greening the Mountain: Work party group for residents of the Castro, Haight & Buena Vista neighborhoods (everyone welcome). Group removes invasive shrubs & weedy plants on the Corona Heights hilltop (one of the last remaining native grasslands in SF). Meet last Sat of each month, 10 am-noon on the front steps of the Randall Museum, off Roosevelt Ave btwn 14th & 17th Sts. Bring work gloves, liquids & snacks. Info: Tom 252-0651.

Men's Nude Drawing Group: For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.

Shadows of the Bay: Dark Shadows Society monthly social social gathering for fans & friends. Celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

Quicktricks, America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club, offers 8-wk series of classes for beginners (you can start at anytime). Call 641-4355 for info.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual International Folkdancing Group meets Tues, 7:30-9:30 at Eureka Valley Recreational Center on Collingwood St in the Castro, SF. Learn mostly line dances from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Israel, Canada, Scandanavia, etc. Beginners are welcome! No partner needed. Teaching 7:30-, dancing 8-9:30. Info: Jim 585-9784. Group is about evenly split, male & female.

Gay Macintosh Users Group meets every 4th Mon: 7 pm social, 7:30 pm program. Nonprofit. Everyone welcome! New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 552-GMUG.

Amazon Sewing Circle Stich & Bitch Group: For lesbians and gay men in the Eastbay. Info: Boadecia's Books, (510) 559-9184.

Fremont Gay Men's Bowling League: See Sports.

Women: Like to read? Talk about books? Come share an informal potluck and book discussion. Women's reading group meets monthly on Sundays. Info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

Gay Men's Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly in a library for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Interests range from recent immigrants to Mayflower lineages. All levels, from beginners to professionals, are welcome. Mtgs held on the 3rd Sun of each month. For details call Larry 647-0637 or Charles 441-7329.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Lesbian Adoptees: For information on available resources, contact Amy Jane Cheney, 647-1492.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 5 pm-5 am, seven nights a week. In SF, call (415) 668-AIDS. Northern California: 1-800-273-AIDS.

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

LYRIC Youth Talkine for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning youth (23 & under): Talk to other young people, get info on events & activities. SF: 863-3636. Bay Area: 1-(800)-246-PRIDE.

Pregnancy & Parenting Resource & Referral Talk Line: Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Get info on concerns & questions regarding pregnancy & HIV, as well as general parenting issues. Fridays, 1-7 pm. Call 565-7674.

Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center *Informational Hotline: 255-9944 TDD. News, updates & info on Deaf lesbian & gay mtgs & events, community news and more. Hotline changed weekly on Mondays. Voice callers use California Relay 1-800-735-2922 if you do not have access to a TDD.*

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors ACA Mtg: Women & men share all aspects of healing from ritual abuse. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info.

SIA: Unrestricted discussion with main focus on ritual abuse. Group meets every Mon, 6-7:30 pm at Pacific Center. Mixed group, m/f. Info: Tina (510) 845-1801.

Lesbian Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group meets weekly to share healing & support. Longterm group meets Wed eves. Free. Not a drop-in group. Call (510) 534-9928 for info.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

Peninsula Battered Lesbian & Bisexual Women Support Group: Free, confidential group offered by Support Network for Battered Women. Individual counseling & legal assistance also available. Info: Anne, Support Network for Battered Women, 940-7855.

Battered Lesbian Support Group for lesbian & bisexual women who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their relationships. 8-wk group is focused on supporting women to begin the healing process & learn to have loving, safe relationships. Info/res: Alison McKenzie or Mary Lee Gates at Marin Abused Women's Services 457-2464.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Services for Battered Women: Counseling, referrals & support for women who have survived domestic violence. Free & bilingual (Eng/Span). Call Cristina at 552-2943 for info.

Servicios Para Mujueres Maltratadas: Consejo individual, recomendaciones a recursos comunitarios y apoyo para jujreres que han sobrevivido la violencia domestica. Servicios son gratuitos y bilingues esp/ing. Llame a Cristina a 552-2943 para mas informacion.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Lesbian Mother Support Group meets Tues 10:30 am-noon at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: Saralie Pennington, LCSW 626-7000, ext 173.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF is a pediatric clinic for children ages 0-18, with lesbian & gay parents. Health care provided by lesbian & gay providers in a sensitive, supportive environment. Info/appt: Tamar Gershon, MD (415) 476-1777.

Operation Concern offers psychotherapy for gay/lesbian families, families with gay/lesbian children (any age), blended families and mixed orientation couples. Call Saralie Pennington at 626-7000 ext 173 to schedule an appt.

Pregnancy & Parenting Resource & Referral Talk Line: Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social organization for Black and white lesbian couples. Mtgs in SF & Eastbay. For more info call (510) 528-9429.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Francine (510) 268-9087.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

APBS: African American Designers: Collective of African-American fashion designers, see Professional Groups.

Free Acupuncture Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation for HIV positive people of color, see AIDS Resources for details.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Gay Latino organization committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. For mtg times & other info call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Social group meets monthly. Info: (510) 530-3473.

Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Candine (415) 621-2982 or Peg (510) 531-6879 for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Vietnamese Lesbians' Group (VLG): Support group for Vietnamese lesbians & bi women, and Vietnamese women questioning their sexuality. Monthly mtgs, lots of food, fun & friends. Confidentiality respected. Info: (415) 575-3934 or (510) 676-3652.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Elliot 564-7199.

Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group: Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

African-American Young Men: Discussion group spons by LYRIC, see Youth.

Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenous women writers—see Performance & Writing Groups.

Lesbians of Color Project of the National Center for Lesbian Rights welcomes interested lesbians of color to join the Lesbians of Color Community Advisory Committee. LOC Project provides free direct legal assistance, information & access to various lesbians of color communities. Info: Stephanie Smith, Lesbians of Color Project Coordinator, 621-0674.

Lesbians of Color Therapy Group meets Thurs 5:30-7 pm. Spons by Operation Concern. SL fee. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: Micaela Lovett, 626-7000.

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lective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts: Multidisciplinary lesbian/gay arts organization offering instrumental, dance & vocal opportunities, and video opportunities, in a fun "family" atmosphere. The Center also offers studio & office rentals. 1519 Mission St, SF. Info: Lauren 554-0402.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. Queer artists, artists of color & activist artists are especially encouraged. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders perform country western dance routines at fundraising & gay/lesbian events throughout Calif. Membership in this all-women dance troupe is open to all women who demonsrate dance ability and are intersted in promoting country western dancing. For membership info call (510) 482-1830; for performance or other info call (510) 939-4406 or (415) 647-9670.

931 Cloggers: All-women's clogging team from San Jose. Group performs at rodeos, conventions, SF Freedom Day Parade and many other charity events. Info: Jaci Murray (510) 264-1529.

LIPS. (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on an installation concerning Sappho, with other lesbian artists. Artists in all media & musicians are welcome. Lunchtime potluck & ideas exchange. Info/location: (510) 222-7989.

Just A Stage Lesbian & Gay Improv Comedy Theater Group: Wkly open workshops in improv with Just A Stage performers. New members are always welcome! Info: Ed 824-7929.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.

Transgender Nation: A diverse group of transgendered and non-transgendered people united in anger & resolved to directly empower all transgendered people by direct political action. For info call 586-6409 or write 584 Castro St #288, SF 94114.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. For mtg time & place call 995-4678.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

GLAAD North Bay: Meets 2nd Tues of each month, 7 pm at Spectrum Center for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Concerns, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Room #12, SF. Info: Kenny Altman 647-3055.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Lesbian Avengers: Direct action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. For info/location call 267-6195.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 541-5013.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.

Classism Discussion Group for middle-and-upper-class lesbians meets monthly in Oakland. For time/location or more info call Elizabeth (510) 652-7729.

Lavendar Greens: Independent networking group of activist men & women that functions to foster environmental/Green values in the gay, lesbian, bi & transgender communities. Group meets in a variety of settings—monthly salons, group habitat restoration activities, etc—to share ideas & actively build/contribute to our communities. Info: Kai 282-6282 (leave message).

Whiptail Lizard Women's Collective: Dykes creating space for music, art, politics, meetings, hanging out & whatever else we want to create in the lesbian community. The Whiptail Lizard Lounge is an alternative, alcohol, drug and smoke-free community center in SF. All women are welcome! Open collective meetings every Sun at 7 pm at the Lounge, 4035 18th St, SF. For events & more info call 267-6979.

LAGAI (Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention in Central America), one of SF's most enduring radical queer groups. Group of lesbians & gay men working cooperatively & joyfully together to create revolution. Mtgs every other Mon night. For info call 664-9814 (eves) or write 3543 18th St, Box 26, SF 94110

Women Against Imperialism (WAI): 3543 18th St #14, SF 94110. Actions and events hotline number: 995-4735

It's the premiere screen of Comedy Central's show on gay/lesbian comics: Out There, at the Center for the Arts on Nov. 18.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St. #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for gay men, lesbians & bisexuals in city planning & related professions. Bimonthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

APB: African-American Designers, a collective of African-American fashion dsigners seek other designers (clothing makers, textile designers, accessory makers, etc. Support groups, resource sharing, networking. Info: 207-6850.

National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.

GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.

Forty Plus: Nonprofit organization of managers & professionals over 40 seeking employment. Meets Mon at 8 am at 7440 Lockheed St, near Oakland International Airport. Presentations by experts in job search or career change. Call (510) 430-2400. Orientation sessions held 10 am each Wed at Forty Plus, San Jose Center, 1250 Aviation Ave, SJ. Call (408) 288-3555 for details. Free. Newcomers are welcome! Info: (510) 430-2400.

Break Out: Networking group for gay/lesbian trainers and human resource/organizational development professionals. Social & professional network. Monthly programs provide an opportunity to interact informally or hear presentations on topics of interest. To get on mailing list or for more info call Andy Black (415) 626-4071 or Grace Greenberg (510) 465-0341.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot Luck/Palo Alto meets monthly in our homes. All ages, males, females, singles & couples are welcome for neighborhood socials. Info: Bob 857-9079.

Melting Pot Luck/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Owl, 325-9266.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara or Judy (510) 528-9026.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Island of Alameda Lesbians offers monthly potluck. Come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 748-0127.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.

Peninsula Bi Guys Group: See Bisexual.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Forties, an informal social club for gaymen in Santa Cruz County. Group holds a potluck on the 2nd Fri of every month. For info/location call Ramon (408) 423-1155.

Generation X: Animated social/discussion group for gay men in their 20s. Meets biweekly to explore issues of gay angst & recreation. Topics include internalized homophobia, relationships & careers. Also potlucks, outdoor adventures. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Albert 252-9097.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Couples Club of SF Bay Area: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Robin & Ro 731-8960.

Queer Deadheads gather for social events. For info/newsletter: Dave 285-6286.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Social group for women into good food & conversation about the arts. Meets 1st Fri of each month, SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

Der Deutsche Freundschaftskreis, a German-speaking potluck social group meets on the 3rd Fri of each month. All levels welcome. Info: Don 329-1438.

Avis Au Public: San Franciscains emmenez votre etendard. Parlons Francais ensemble. Potluck chaque 1er vendredi du mois. Info: 776-1496.

Utne-Style Salon: Engage in substantial discussion of politics, art, spirituality, activism, humor, gaia, etc. Snobbery—no; real talk—yes. Women & people of color are especially encouraged. Meets twice a month. Info: Sheila 695-2968 or Mitchell 861-5673.

SF Lesbians Teatime Group: Social group for SF lesbians meets monthly at teatime in the City for socializing, fun. For info/location call Dionne, 922-2137.

Dykes & Their Dogs/Eastbay: Group for dykes & our dogs meets 2nd & 4th Sundays. Call Roz (510) 581-7212 for info.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Temple Sinai of Oakland congregation cares & welcomes everyone to services: Fri at 8:15 pm; first Fri of the month is a family service, held at 7:30 pm. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am, preceded by Torah study at 9. 2808 Summit St, Oakl. Info: (510) 451-3263.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & women friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish to share. Please wear no scents. Info: (510) 654-8104.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Hartford Zen Center: A Zen Buddhist

temple in the heart of the Castro lesbian, gay, bi community. Zazen meditation schedule: morning & evening, Mon-Fri. Meditation & lecture Sat morning. Come learn Zen meditation, benefit yourself & others. Abbott Zenshin Philip Whalen. Info: 863-2507.

Dharma Sisters: Group for lesbian & bi women practicing or interested in any form of Buddhism. Weekly women's sitting, monthly meetings, special events, mutual support. All women are welcome! Info: 826-7990.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info call 974-9878, please leave your phone number.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 974-9878.

Tayu Center: a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern gay spiritual adept. Study groups meet 2nd Fri of each month at 7:30 pm in the Eastbay (776 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito), 3rd Tues at 8 pm in Marin (786 Marin Dr, Mill Valley) and last Tues at 8 pm in Sebastopol (898 Daniel St). Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality Circle: Eastbay. Tues 7:30 pm. Free. Info: (510) 444-3337 or (415) 648-7592.

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J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Dialogues are held every Mon in SF. Call (415) 469-0606 for time, location & other info.

Unitarian Universalist Church: Sun services at 11 am. Potluck every 2nd Sun. Congregation working toward becoming an intentionally welcoming community to lesbians, gays & bisexuals. 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF.

Walnut Creek Interweave, a chapter of Unitarian Universalists addressing concerns of gays, lesbians, TV, Bi, TS & straight allies meet last Sun of each month at Mt Diablo Unitarian Universalist church, noon-1 pm after the 10:30 am service. Info: Alison (510) 228-0323 or Claudia (510) 937-7566.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oak! (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

First Baptist Church, Berkeley welcomes and affirms lesbian, gay & bisexual people in all lay & professional ministries. Small, friendly, energetic congregation. Worship services Sun at 10 am in the chapel at the corner of Dana & Durant, Berkeley. Rev Esther Hargis, pastor. Info: (510) 848-5838.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

First Congregational Church of Christ: Post & Mason Sts, SF. A Church "open & affirming" of all people, with active lesbian & gay members involved in all levels of church life & worship. Info: 392-7461.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of born-again Christian gays & lesbians reaching out with a message of Christ's resotring love to all people. Worship service Sun at 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Bible study Tues at 7:30 pm at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: Call 563-2973, or write Box 14462, SF 94114.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Icon Orthodox Fellowship: Support group by & for gay & lesbian Orthodox Christians. HIV-positive people are especially welcome. Info/brochure: 673-6729, 11 am-7 pm.

Saint Raphael's Liberal Catholic Church: An apostolic church based on theosophical ideals & freedom of thought. Homage to Our Lady held every Sun at 9:45 am, mass at 10 am. Services held at 220 Danvers St at Caselli, SF. Open communion. Everyone welcome. Info: Rev Martin Nowinski 550-1576.

GLAD (Gay, Lesbian & Affirming Disciples/Christian Church) meet the 3rd Sun of each month at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte Ave, Berkeley, 4-7 pm. Potluck. Info: (510) 644-1823.

Affirmation: Gay & Lesbian Mormons meet every Sun at 5:30 pm at the Pension Hotel, 1668 Market St between Van Ness Ave & Market Sts, SF. Come meet queer Mormons in a social support group not affiliated with the LDS churchb. Info: (415) 641-4554 or (510) 658-1839.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Sun 9 am, Dolores Park. Info: Jim Durkin 863-0954.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391, Roz (510) 939-3579 or Bill (510) 528-0339.

Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys while hiking, biking, camping, etc; or for informal social gatherings. No membership fees. Info: 927-3827.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter, call 281-5666 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call voicemail (408) 236-2170 for info.

Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 238-9406 or Allen/Southbay (408) 774-9967.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

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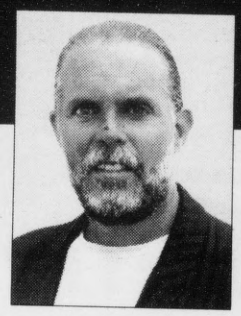

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- Movie nights
- Women's sex and health fair

For more information, call the talkline number (above) and see the Bay Times listings under youth. LYRIC activities are for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth 23 and under.

DANCETIME! (see Nov. 26) Photo by Tom Caravaglia

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.

Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets every month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! For meeting dates & other info: 905-6267.

SF Track & Field Club: Open to men & women, all ages. Wkly training sessions at Kezar Stadium in SF; compete in varous meets during spring & summer; prepare for upcoming Gay Games IV. For additional info/workout schedule call Rick 550-7966.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Rugby: Bay Area women's rugby team welcomes new members. Info: 621-3871 or 854-3819.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Wing Tao Mobility Arts: Ongoing classes in Kung Fu for women, children & men. Info: (510) 652-5280.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players social group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women: All women size 16 and up are welcome to come boogie! Mon & Wed, 6-7 pm; Sat 11 am-noon; at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. SL donation negotiable. Info: 337-6379.

Fremont Gay Men's Bowling League: Sign-up for this friendly men's league. All skill levels, from beginner to advanced, are encouraged to participate. Call Mark (510) 797-6997 for group mtg times & other info.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: See Hotlines & Referrals.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Hidden Disabilities/Chronic Pain Support Group for Women. Free. Leaderless. Eastbay location. Info: Dana (510) 658-0826.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

50s Support Group: Leaderless Eastbay group for feminist lesbians in their 50's (late 40's OK) to share stimulating talk, idea sharing, interesting activities, mutual support. Info: (510) 848-1654.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Married & Divorced Men's Group meets Thurs eves in Palo Alto for social/support. Heterosexual, bisexual & gay men are welcome. Info: PO Box 1153, Palo Alto, 94301.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.

Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.

The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.

Former Jehovah's Witnesses: Support/social group for women who were former Jehovah's Witnesses. Info: 703-7147.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County offers "Kavod" ("respect" in Hebrew), a counseling & education program that is sensitive to the needs of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & our families, with special outreach to Jewish clients. Support groups are also available on coming out, parents of gays & lesbians and Jewish identity. Fee subsidies available. For info/reg call Karen Belford, MSW, Kavod Project Director: (408) 399-2202.

Gay Men's Coming Out drop-in group spons by Operation Concern meets Tues 5:15-6:15 pm, 1853 Market St, SF. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman. Info: 626-7000.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: See Political.

► WRITING

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenuous women writers who want to meet other Native women writers & share words and support, resources & knowledge about writing & publishing. Group is one of many regional writers circles forming, inspired by the "Returning the Gift" Festival of Native Writers. For more info, write Victoria Lena Manyarrows, 2440 16th St #146, SF 94103 or call 864-3538.

Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.

Lesbian Writing Group welcomes feminists from all backgrounds who are committed writers & interested in attending a bimonthly writing group. Eastbay location. Info: Aja Duncan (510) 839-5689.

Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call JB (510) 601-0966.

Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).

Self-Empowerment Environment (SEE) Group meets weekly, new members are welcome. Group writes, reads & publishes stories of our growth. Different "concepts" explored each week. Info: Sountru 826-9001.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social, recreational & support activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. For info about activities or to talk to young people call 863-3636 (SF) or 1-(800)-246-PRIDE (outside SF). LYRIC's business number is 703-6150.

Pride & Prejudice: Education/social group spons by LYRIC & LYFE. A welcoming group for the queer youth community, offers education & social events to introduce youth to pertinent community issues, meet friends, learn more about queer life, and have fun! Tuesdays, 6-8 pm at 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Info: Elisabeth 565-7681.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: Call Felicia at LYRIC 703-6150.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Tues, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 863-3636.

After-School Recreation Group for young people age 18 & under: Includes discussion, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, photography, self-defense class, movie nights. Info: Kathy at LYRIC 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Contra Costa Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth, ages 21 and under. Group meets Sat at 5:30 pm at Pacific Center in Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Voices of Pride Sexual Minority Center in Oakland provides support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under. Drop-in counseling on Tues, 3-5 pm. Facilitated peer support group Sun 3-5 pm. Info: (510) 530-8529 or (415) 533-4026.

InsideOut: a lesbian/gay youth newsmagazine, holds weekly mtgs, Thurs at 6 pm. If your're 23 & under and interested in the journalism or publishing industries or just want to get your work published, you're welcome! For more info call 985-5243 or write InsideOut, PO Box 460268, SF 94146. Youth-run paper.

beat this by don baird

Justin and Don share a little peek into whatever may motivate them. Collage and photos by Marc Geller.

Dysfunction Junction

The last time I got on the phone with renowned voluptuary Justin Bond, we started up a red-hot session of wicked bitchery. It wasn't namby-pamby little bullshit things like one would think us queers in San Francisco are prone to judging by the letters section of this paper regarding, say, Nan Parks. No, this was different; this was much better. So delicious was our conversation that we decided to wait until it was so precariously close to deadline we wouldn't have time to chicken out. Together we decided to let you, the readers, share a special little peek into the world of our collective creative process.

(Don Baird): You used to write a column. You know all about deadlines.

(Justin Bond): Yeah, I usually sat down and stopped thinking and started writing. That way the truth comes out easier.

Funny, just telling the truth with your writing can get you into all kinds of trouble. That's why I never lie.

People will believe anything. Like for instance, after that Bobbitt dude was found innocent of raping his wife, some queen said, "So do you think he really did it?" I looked at her and thought, "You stupid asshole. No, she just cut off his dick and took it for a joyride for the hell of it. People do things like that all the time. Oh, can Don Baird and I use your computer this Saturday?"

Well of course it's turning out like this—after all he's a former Marine and she's an immigrant. And she looks kind of like Gloria Estefan. He's sort of hot in that Ted Bundy way. I saw Bobbitt on the news telling reporters after his acquital, "I've got a lot of healing to do." Love that built-in size reference there.

That's one thing about rape, you know you can always get away with it.

Would he put a personal ad in Cut or Uncut, or Cut and Re-Cut?

Cut and Paste. Even if he didn't rape her, I'm sure she had a good reason for what she did.

They'll fry her for being a crazed, mutilating psycho-bitch. I bet Drew Barrymore will play her in the TV movie. She's hot. I like her because I like all bad girls.

Bad girls are so misunderstood. I think it's because of shows like "Hard Edition" and "Inside Daisy Copy."

Oh, I just learned that a few bad girls we know are gonna be featured in a show of that nature tomorrow night on Fox. They told me at the desk at Blow Buddies last night that one of those fuckin' shows has been running a promo about the horrors of unsafe sex in San Francisco that actually shows the faces of both employees and patrons and even some saucy computer-smudged footage of the dirty deed in progress. Don't worry, I'll handle it just like Madonna, I'm not worried. Can you believe they have cameras small enough to conceal in a sex club?

You weren't having unsafe sex were you?

Of course not. I was having the time of my life.

Fabulous. Those TV people are pigs. I hate them almost as much as the owners of some of these gay rags in town.

Hate is such a strong word.

Isn't it, though? But I do love everyone—in God's way. Sometimes I have trouble telling who my enemies are, those crazy Christians or the middle-aged, middle-class, self-righteous queens I have trying to shut me up all over the place, or to just reduce me and my work by saying I'm some stupid drag queen. Drag queens are not stupid, and I'm not a drag queen. Those A-gays hate women. They hate the woman inside. That's why they spend all their time hyper-masculinizing themselves. I'm not a gay man either because I don't fill out the right T-shirts.

Oh yeah, the ones that say, "Just do me." Don't get me started. You know how I feel about the gym syndrome. And they do *hate women, and proof of that is the hideous Muscle Sissy Annual Drag Ball. If that's their women inside no wonder they hate women. I mean, look guys, your woman inside has one hell of a credit card bill for such a hideous, insulting display of femininity. Perhaps your woman inside should remain in the home, where she belongs.*

It's all about fitting in. Women read fashion magazines to form an identity and sense of style and gay men watch porn and read fashion magazines to form an identity and sense of style. It's a bad mix. Kind of unrealistic on both counts.

Yes sir, girlfriend.

When I moved to San Francisco I had a lot of internalized homophobia, now it's all externalized. I hoped for something better. There's no room for exploration of new ideas because fear and greed have made a lot of queens in this town defensive and brittle. Brittle queens run this town and it's getting a little scary. I can't write for the

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B.A.R. because the owner is afraid some bourgeois queen will confront him at a cocktail party about something I said. So what if I call for the assassination of the mayor?

So what if I suggest having sex on his lawn? And so what if I tell on policemen who hit on lesbians as they arrest them at demonstrations—"Hey bitch, why don't you suck my partner's cock?"

All good ideas under the right circumstances.

Well there are plenty more where those came from. I found flyers in the Castro recently calling all dykes to go to that bar Badlands to play some pool and have some cocktails. Organized by the Lesbian Avengers, they were instructed to bring three pieces of ID, signal flares in case they had trouble getting the bartenders' attention, and full flasks in case they weren't served. All good ideas too, considering the super-tired attitudes fag bars have been guilty of for far too long. The Lesbian Avengers on a number of occasions have made use of a variety of pyrotechnics—signal flares, fire-breathing, etc. And I think that is the coolest.

Deena Davenport was called "fish" repeatedly at the Blue Lagoon in Santa Cruz. That's terrible considering she's the biggest drag queen/cult film actress/wig sculptress I've ever met.

Mmm-hmmm, Deena's hot—and an inspiration. She doesn't even care about Marky Mark. She makes me feel brave. We need that because the gay and lesbian community scares the Calvins right off of my gym-toned, straight-acting, straight-appearing, tight, white bubble butt.

Isn't that a shame? A very dear friend of mine stated recently that San Francisco used to be regarded as the Paris of the Pacific. Now it's become the West Hollywood of the North—Palm Trees et al.

. Drive-by shootings sure to follow. And ooooh the palms, standing in a row looking vaguely like something gay men really like a lot, beckoning swollen and welcoming. "Come... come... to dysfunction junction." Them news shows. I walked down the row of palm rods and thought to myself, "I bet penis enlargement surgery will be this year's porcelain veneers." With men apparently flocking to their plastic surgeons for a quick penis enlargement operation according to Phil Donahue, what the young Mrs. Bobbitt did suddenly doesn't seem so strange. Like Justin said, I'm sure she had a really good reason. ✿

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BY WILLIAM FINKLE

Noe Valley Seduced by Rich, Fresh Italian Menu

It was a perfect scene. I was sitting at midday in Bacco's empty dining room with Paolo Dominici and Vincenzo Cucco, discussing espresso beans, oil-cured olives and terra cotta tiles when the subject of white truffles came up.

"The best white truffles come from Alba, in the Piedmont region of Italy," Vincenzo uttered in the thickest thick Italian accent I've ever heard.

"And French truffles aren't any good, right?" I asked, goading him on and expecting a malicious guffaw of agreement. Instead the two owners of Bacco looked at me as serious as could be and said, "Oh, no, the best black truffles are French."

Well, I wasn't too hurt that they hadn't gotten my joke, once I realized how earnestly these guys approach their restaurant and their craft. Every day they bake whole wheat loaves with minimal salt to accent the food and serve them warm with fruity olive oil. Pasta is cooked to order, even the dried pasta, resulting in a truly *al dente*, if somewhat delayed, plate of noodles.

Dominici and Cucco know many things, and I wanted to sit with them for hours, discussing the festival of Bacco in Tuscan villages, of fountains in town squares running with wine, of how Italians view wine not just as art, but as religion. The informal cult of Bacchus in Italy ensures that at least one restaurant in every town carries the name of the Roman god of drink. Wine and food are inescapably entwined. So when choosing a regional Italian dish, you must choose a wine from the same or a nearby region, a hearty red for the pasta ears with broccoli rabe, a playful Tuscan white for the polenta with gorgonzola and mushrooms.

From the rustic salmon and yellow-orange wash of the walls to the installment of ceramic Dionysian masks, the duo redesigned the former Diamond Street Restaurant, hoping to reproduce a Tuscan villa, or a long room with a cheery fire in the hearth. The only glitch insofar as I can tell is the faulty ventilation system: When the kitchen is busy, a burnt, oily smoke penetrates the dining room, but this problem should be soon corrected. Tables dressed with white linens and white butcher paper, a Spanish tile floor and wood and straw chairs provide provincial touches.

A glimmering plate of **Bresaola con Arugola e Pompelmo Rosa** ($5.95) brought thin slices of air-dried beef dressed with olive oil and paired with moist, sweet pink grapefruit sections and enormous leaves of peppery arugula. I couldn't imagine a more fitting presentation for the salty, papery beef. **Polenta con Funghi e Formaggio** ($4.75) came in a gratin dish, with creamy, well-cooked polenta topped by melting gorgonzola—more would have been welcome—and sauteed brown and oyster mushrooms. The **Antipasto Rustico per Due** ($8.50) was a platter big enough for two and included (off-season) tomatoes with fresh mozzarella and basil, shaved prosciutto, grilled vegetables (including a slab of sublime grilled fennel), roasted peppers, green garlic-marinated olives and a *caponata* of eggplant, celery and onions.

Cucco, Bacco's chef, makes the pasta daily for fettuccine, ravioli and pappardelle. Other pasta shapes must be cooked dried, so he leaves that to the Italian producers of durum-semolina pastas. A deliciously simple **Spaghetti alla Puttanesca** ($8.95) included perfect *al dente* noodles, tomato sauce, plumped oil-cured olives and capers. I'm used to puttanesca sauce being, well, more "puttana"-like, more slutty, with chili flakes and anchovy paste adding sex appeal, but Bacco's subdued version was good, and probably more authentic, too. My companion ordered his favorite dish: the **Orecchiette alle Rape Strascinate** (8.95), little pasta "ears" with chopped broccoli rabe (we know it as Chinese broccoli), olive oil and garlic. Topped with grated parmesan, this dish did win raves, with its slight bitterness offset by the fullness of the olive oil and garlic.

Soft potato pillows tossed with tomato sauce and bits of seasoned lamb describe the **Gnocchi al Sugo d'Agnello** ($9.25), which were quite good. A less fortunate preparation, the **Risotto del Giorno** ($10.95), happened to come one night with salmon, mushrooms and tomatoes, but was overcooked for my taste, didn't have much flavor of fish, and needed salt. A gorgeous plate of **Agnello con Salsa di Peperoni** ($13.95) poised four lamb loin chops atop a puddle of red bell pepper sauce, with big cubes of rosemary roasted potatoes and sauteed swiss chard. A more tender, succulent lamb dish surely can't be had.

If by now you haven't noticed something remarkable about Bacco, you should: Prices are low, not just reasonable, but low. I hear there are no plans to raise them, either, since the partners are committed to providing top-notch Italian food at an affordable price.

We enjoyed three of the more typical Italian desserts offered: **Affogato** ($3.50), my all-time favorite, in which a scoop of vanilla *gelato* is dolloped with whipped heavy cream and doused with a shot of espresso; **Tiramisu** ($4), that concoction we all know and love of spongy ladyfingers layered with mascarpone cream, rum and cocoa dust; and a **Budino di Cioccolata e Nocciole** ($4) or hazelnut-chocolate steamed pudding, which is more like a little cake, but moister, and served in a pool of thin *creme anglaise*. Imported Lavazza espresso beans ensure a fine cup of coffee, if you choose to indulge.

I have nothing but praise for Bacco. While a couple of the dishes could have been more exciting, and the kitchen smoke causes an olfactory problem, at least for now, service is excellent, both friendly and knowledgeable, and the place itself adorable.

Vincenzo Cucco in the new dining room at Bacco—great new Italian fare in Noe Valley.
Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland.

Bacco
737 Diamond St. at 24th, San Francisco
(415) 282-4969
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Ratings scale: 4 triangles—extraordinary. 3 triangles—very good. 2 triangles—good. 1 triangle—fair.

Around Town

Several hours spent at **Tante Marie's Cooking School** in North Beach are well spent, indeed. Owner and instructor Mary Risley guided the class firmly and jokingly through a demonstration on cooking with rabbit and duck, one afternoon, and produced some first-rate duck breast, a sublime rabbit and shiitake mushroom pasta with mustard greens, and a red wine braised rabbit with *mirepoix* served over grilled country bread. Risley's been a Bay Area cooking teacher for 20 years, and her style is completely in synch with the latest foods and techniques. Check out individual classes or a series. (Tante Marie's Cooking School, 271 Francisco St., 788-6699).

Boy oh boy. My suspicions about L.A. have been confirmed, again. On a trip there last week to attend Momma's 60th, I headed to the market for some whipping cream I needed for the (fabulous) cake I was making for the event. Readers, if you don't already know, there are several types of whipping cream, and the stuff that is ultra-pasteurized does not whip up as well. Every chef knows this, trust me. Well, after searching at six supermarkets and two specialty stores, Mom and I gave up and used the other kind, reminding us of the time we set out to find polenta. It only just shows to go you. The cream worked well enough, but the story illustrates a point about ellay's obsession with food versus esseff's obsession with food: down there, folks want food that looks good, but it doesn't really matter how it tastes since they're either going to expunge it later or just push it around the plate anyway. Up here, it's gotta look, taste and digest great. ✿

Meistersinger and Tito at the Opera

classics

BY CHING CHANG

In David Littlejohn's recently published book about opera, *The Ultimate Art*, he provides a wonderful account of how the small German city of Nurnberg was used and abused by different people since the middle ages. One of these abusers was Wagner; as a passionate German nationalist, fearing his beloved country and its beautiful Aryan people were being polluted by "foreign evils," Wagner took upon himself to dig out the roots of German folk art, which flourished in the 15th and 16th centuries in this hospitable little town in the heart of Germany.

The result, of course, was the mammoth five-hour long score to his only comedy-opera, *Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg*, which I got to see this past week at the SF Opera. One could say that a comedy lasting five hours (actually, a little less than that at the War Memorial, because several cuts were made) is no joke, but despite the obvious ideological charades (with infinitely more subtleness than in *The Ring*) being played, *Die Meistersinger* is in fact his most charming work, which portrayed his private vision of this idyllic little Alpine town, filled with artisans and craftsmen, who would also engage in song contests. The prize of such contests, of course, were beautiful maidens.

But Wagner betrays himself by having Eva, the maiden-prize, fall in love with Walther, an outsider, deemed unsuitable to win the song contest because he can't follow the song-making rules. Needless to say, he does manage to win the contest for his love of Eva, with the help of the master poet-cobbler, Hans Sachs. You may ask why this tale would take more than five hours to be told, but you'd be surprised. It is not by coincidence that *Die Meistersinger* is the longest opera in the standard operatic repertoire, and if you can bring yourself to be immersed in the energy of the work, it actually goes by pretty fast.

It helps immensely to have a cast of capable singers, which thankfully this production did. There is no greater punishment in the world than having to sit through a Wagner opera when you have a typical constricted and constipated-sounding tenor pushing through high vocal *tessitura* of yet another stanza while squeezing with every note the senses out of the audience. Mercifully, the SF Opera engaged Canadian tenor Ben Heppner as Walther, who has received raves in Wagnerian circles as the tenor everyone has been

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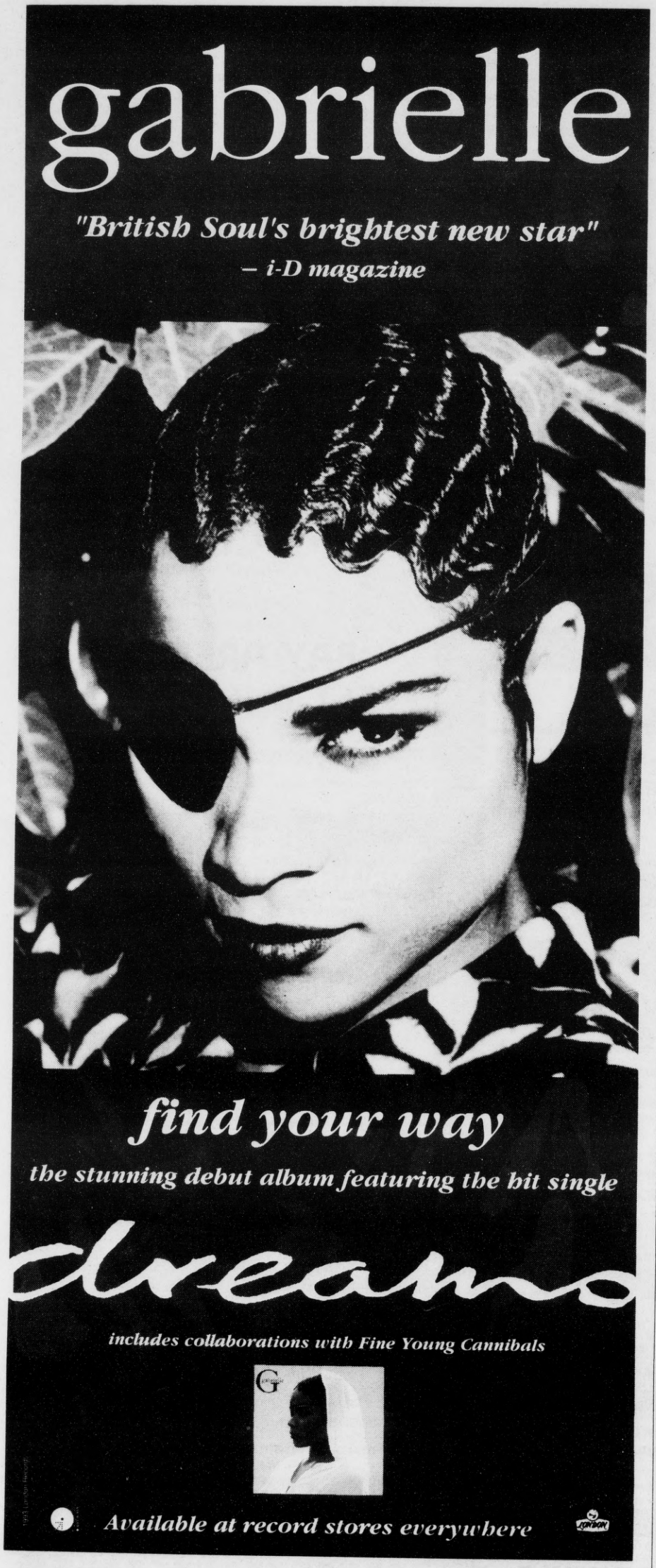
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Mezzo-soprano Frederica von Sade (left) and sporano Ljuba Kazarnovskaya in "La Clemenza di Tito" at the SF Opera. Photo by Larry Merkle.

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waiting for. In ''Morgenlicht Leuchtend,'' the prize song, Heppner displayed elegantly controlled vocalism, with a rich sonority, bright on the top, but not pressed.

Yet some of the best vocal gems of the evening were offered by Karita Mattila's beautiful singing as Eva. Her deliciously balanced soprano voice sounded creamy and clean. Though past his prime, Bernd Weikl delivered his acknowledged favorite role of Hans Sachs with a certain humility, bringing out a humanity in Sachs I failed to see the last time this production was mounted in SF, in 1986. Lofti Mansouri, who directed this opera, actually wanted to create a whole new production for this choice Wagnerian cast, rather than reuse this old one, but was prevented from doing so by that $6 million budget deficit.

LA CLEMENZA DI TITO

Whether coincidental or not, the budget deficit also seemed to permeate a cheap-looking, problematic staging of Mozart's *La Clemenza di Tito*, which at times felt a lot longer than *Meistersinger*. Assembled in a rush for the coronation of Emperor Leopold II, the score to this opera (Mozart's last) feels somewhat disjointed, as a collection of arias and ensembles tied together with a bunch of overlong recitative sections. Though not too innovative and relying heavily on Mozart's own formulas and conventions, there is nevertheless lots of great music in *Tito*. Unfortunately, under the treatment given at this first staging ever of the work at the War Memorial, it has turned into one of the low points of this season.

First, tenor Stephen Guggenheim was as exciting as flat champagne in the title role, yet he was assigned the bulk of the performances after tenor Peter Seiffert canceled (luckier opera patrons got to hear Ben Heppner fill in as Tito for a couple of performances). A merolee, Guggenheim has a dark, muddled tenor voice, appropriate for certain character roles, but lacks the proper Mozartian flavor and technique (things like a sustained *mezza de voce*, and the clear, unlabored articulation of the coloratura work in Tito's big aria, ''Se al'Impero''). Yet, the biggest crime committed on the stage came not from singers, but from the poor, corny stage direction the production received from Albert Takazauckas, who came up with an appallingly tacky concept for Mozart's already problematic dramaturgy in *Tito*.

Touted by traditional lore and the Opera's program notes itself as Mozart's last opera seria, you wouldn't know it, as the staging wrongly heightened the comedic values at the expense of everything else. Certainly the awkward set—a huge wall, with a brick window that just wouldn't stay shut—didn't help. The character of Tito came across as a pathetic wimp, and Vitellia (sung by Russian soprano Ljuba Kazarnovskaya)was made into a parody of Donna Elvira. In her act I aria, ''Deh se Piacer Mi Vuoi,'' Kazarnovskaya sang with an unusually full chest voice for a soprano, but took her voice through a not-well-defined transition, yapping along into a canine-sounding coloratura section, which, though nice-sounding in certain sections, only heightened the sense of ridiculousness.

Thankfully, what was left was Frederica Von Stade's wholly committed characterization of Sesto, a trouser role. Though one is already used to seeing her in male attire on stage, the role of Sesto offers her infinitely more interpretive room than Cherubino's ''Voi Che Sapete,'' and Von Stade provided most of the few instants of excitement in this production. The only other highlight of the evening was Susan Graham's Annio, another trouser role. Graham has a beautiful, beautiful sound, an exquisite combination of dark substance and clarity in a soprano voice. Her singing is finely shaped, sensitive, and unfortunately too gorgeous to make a convincing male in love with Servilia (sung by soprano Cheryl Parrish), but then, two women serenading each other never really offended my sensibilities.

There are four performances of *La Clemenza di Tito* left, on Nov. 19, 22, 24 and 28. Call the SF Opera at (415) 864-3330 for tix and info, if you're a hopeless Mozart fan like me and don't mind waiting for the moments. ✿

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Stellar Jazz Festival Marred By Near Misses

Reviewed by Scott Cady

Sold out houses, the appearance of major jazz stars and enthusiastic crowds attest to the most successful San Francisco Jazz Festival ever. A backward glance at this event reveals a number of artistic hits and a couple of misses.

THE JOSHUA REDMAN QUARTET

Opening night found an energized full house at Herbst Hall patiently awaiting the downbeat of the Joshua Redman Quartet—two promising young players and two seasoned veterans. Drum legend Billy Higgins' plane had been delayed.

Finally, the quartet was announced: Higgins on drums, 21-year-old Christian McBride on bass, guitar virtuoso Pat Metheny, and the leader, Berkeley native 24-year-old saxophonist Joshua Redman. The set-up was overwhelming, and when they finally took the stand for an hour-and-a-half long exploration of jazz, the music, as a whole, fell disappointingly flat.

The group came off like a quartet that had just been introduced to each other. While each player had energetic moments, the four only occasionally sounded as if they were playing together, feeling the same music. When it did happen, the results were quite exciting, but the ability to extend such intense concentration waned. They drifted together and apart and, too often, fell short of what the group is most capable of doing—making the music come alive.

The main factor that faces the quartet is the variation of experience. While Metheny is and has been one of the great improvisers of our day, and Higgins is a master to whom other drummers are often compared and fall short, Redman and McBride are two budding young players who have yet to develop distinctive sounds. While Redman was the leader of the group, Metheny ever so subtly took control, reshaping the sound into that with which he is most comfortable—pop-jazz. This didn't bother me. What bothered me was that the others never went along for the ride. The results were most confusing.

The material they chose was taken from their latest CD. The opening number offered a soulful bass solo by McBride while Higgins kept time on the rim. Redman offered a good deal of excitement while generally confining himself to the upper range of the instrument. Metheny took the plunge in the second number, stretching to the outer limits of the harmonic structure, all the while gracefully sliding back to complete the phrase. Redman enjoyed developing motifs and, after a well-thought-out solo, Metheny brought the tune to a most electrifying close, the most intense moment of the evening.

A beautiful gospel blues followed but never became quite as soulful as it could have been. A good opportunity for Redman to display his prowess came as an unaccompanied solo intro to Sonny Rollin's "St. Thomas." His imitation of the greatest saxophonist alive was just that, an imitation, and I wondered what he was really trying to say. By quoting the tune, Redman modulated up half-step by half-step, leaving him in the weak upper register.

A ballad followed with an explosive intro and, all in all, it was pleasant to listen to. However, the reverb and the echo effect were so strong, it moved a little too far into the pop idiom. A rock 'n' roll blues with another exploration of the Metheny sound ended the set.

JOE HENDERSON QUARTET

One of the most highly anticipated events was tenor saxophonist Joe Henderson's concert at Davies Symphony Hall. He was featured with the Kronos Quartet, a Big Band composed of Bay Area musicians, and with a quartet featuring John Scofield on guitar, drummer Al Foster and bassist Larry Grenadier. Henderson is one of the great living tenor saxophonists and, although at times his playing lived up to his reputation, the overall result of the evening was, at most, disappointing.

The fault did not necessarily lie on the shoulders of Henderson. I expected the evening to become more and more exciting but it never really got going. The few tunes with the Kronos Quartet were relatively interesting. Henderson's truly silken tone added a good deal of warmth to Monk's classic " 'Round Midnight" and fared even better on an arrangement of his own "Black Narcissus," arranged for the festival by the great Don Sebesky. The quartet sans Henderson played up to their high standards on the wonderfully titled, "Dinner Music for a Pack of Hungry Cannibals."

The Big Band came on stage and complemented Henderson on some rearranged versions, originally for sextet, of Strayhorn's "Chelsea Bridge" and Youmans' "Without a Song." Henderson has a way of telling a story through his improvisations that leaves an audience feeling as though it's been taken on some miraculous journey in a matter of a few minutes. Interchanging bop riffs with melodic themes, Henderson constantly alternates tension with release and it keeps his playing invigorating. The band was playing quite well, but the acoustics of the hall, at least on this particular occasion, were most disconcerting. Nuances were lost, and the piano as well as the bass sounded muffled. The band continued with "Punjab" and "Isoprope" which did offer the opportunity for a number of stellar solos both by Henderson and members of the band.

The biggest disappointment of the evening was Henderson's quartet faulted partially by the hall's acoustics. Scofield's electric guitar seemed at many times to clash with Henderson's interpretations. This is not to say that Scofield is not an ingenious player, because he most certainly is, but rarely does Scofield provide the solid comping upon which Henderson can really soar. I have seen drummer Al Foster at his best and now I can say that I have seen him at his worst. He tried to compensate for the acoustics but couldn't win the battle. While he played with a beautiful variance, the acoustics never allowed the sound to settle in. Grenadier's bass never projected and was lost a good portion of the time. The quartet played such tunes as "Recorda-me" and "Take the A Train." I look forward to hearing Henderson under better conditions.

CLEO LAINE SINGS ELLINGTON & MORE

Cleo Laine is the greatest jazz singer on the music scene today. As the headliner of this year's festival, she and husband John Dankworth (possibly the greatest living arranger), backed by remarkable pianist Larry Dunlap's Big Band, gave a two-and-a-half hour concert which was not only the festival highlight, it was one of the most exciting musical evenings I've ever experienced. Laine and Dankworth just keep doing it bigger and better; they start up and keep climbing with never a hint of a letdown.

The evening, a tribute to jazz great Duke Ellington, featured not only Laine, Dankworth and Dunlap but the finest representation of Bay Area musicians playing a number of the composer's better-known songs, most of which were arranged—and then rearranged—for big band by Dankworth and Dunlap.

"I'm Beginning to See the Light," "Mood Indigo" and "In a Mellow Tone" all featured rich ensemble playing combined with personalized solos. Dankworth took turns soloing on clarinet and saxophone (he is also a renowned reedman), and his work both as instrumentalist and arranger on "Caravan" was a breathtaking revelation. From the contemporary harmonization through the orchestral treatments to the driving Afro-Latin rhythms, this was the greatest arrangement of Juan Tizol's (Ellington's virtuoso trombonist) masterpiece I have ever heard. Dunlap's reinterpretation of "In a Sentimental Mood" brought freshness to one of Ellington's gems and "Take the A Train" ended the band's first set.

Introduced by KJAZ's John Rogers, Laine immediately took control of the house. Looking as gorgeous as ever in blue sequins and her traditional hairdo, her "Love Ya Madly" set the tone for the evening. Not only does she have one of the widest ranges of any singer, she directs her flawless sound so that the audience can bask in the richness of the lows and the exciting brilliance of the highs. Her enunciation is impeccable, her clarity unmatched, her soul is exposed in every note. The band, rising to the occasion of Dankworth's imposing presence, offered a set that bordered on the overwhelming.

Ellington's hauntingly beautiful "I Didn't Know About You" followed with the sweet tones of Dunlap's piano and Dankworth's clarinet backing the singer. In "Don't Want Your Hand-Me-Down Love" Laine delivered the blues like a woman possessed, and her incredibly swinging "Perdido" highlighted the set. Two seldom-heard pieces followed that combined the lyrics of Shakespeare with the music of Ellington. "Sonnet for Julius Caesar" was richly lush and "Sonnet for Hank Sank" was a pleasantly short swing number. Dunlap's arrangement of "Just A-Sittin' and A-Rockin' " preceded a medley of the Duke's more famous tunes meticulously put together by Dankworth.

Laine shifted effortlessly between such classics as "Solitude," "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," and "Sophisticated Lady," and ended the medley with an incredible vocal scat, doubled by Dankworth, on "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)." A well-deserved standing ovation brought Laine back for a wrenching interpretation of Billie Holliday's "Fine and Mellow," and a premiere of a new song, Francesca Blumenthal's "I Believe in Lies of Handsome Men." Gershwin's "Lady Be Good" was swung feverishly in an energetic soprano sax duel with the vocalist's magnificent vocal riffs. The roar of the audience was uncontested proof that Laine and Dankworth are the greatest. Dunlap and his Big Band also proved that the Bay Area is home to some truly great jazz musicians. ✿

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But Jeffrey's response to the AIDS crisis takes a tumble at the gym when he is immediately attracted to Stephen (Stephen Caffrey), an idealized version of the boy-next-door who happens to be gay. Just like in those 1930s romantic comedy movies, it's love at first sight. When Stephen admits he is HIV-positive, Jeffrey recoils and reaffirms his renunciation of sex and commitment.

Playwright Paul Rudnick then sets his hero on a pilgrim's progress through a series of farcical set pieces that utilize gay stereotypes to attack prevailing doomsday attitudes and come up with a final and gloriously simplistic message of live, love and cope with it. Jeffrey's journey takes him to a TV game show called "It's Just Sex"; an imaginary phone call to his parents in Wisconsin in which they challenge his vow of abstinence with teasing, sexually explicit suggestions; a gay day parade; a session with a self-help evangelist whose compassion is barely skin deep; an appointment at an AIDS testing clinic; a bizarre encounter with a sex-obsessed priest; and a country-western fund-raiser for AIDS hosted by a society matron at the Waldorf.

Morgan Strickland in the title role of "Jeffrey."
Photo by Marty Sohl.

The audience favorite in this production is without question Peter Bartlett (a last-minute replacement for Jim Bailey) from the New York cast. Bartlett originated the role of the interior decorator, Sterling. We haven't seen his likes on stage or screen since Clifton Webb departed the ranks of the living. His world-weary demeanor and acid delivery were delightfully at odds with his pro-romantic sentiments. When advised that a friend has had his nipples pierced, he can only ask, "For guest towels?" At a subsequent memorial service, his prayer is to the point: "No more disease, no more prejudice, no more chintz."

One half of a devoted couple, Sterling's lover is HIV-positive Darius (John Zic), a chorus boy in *Cats* who loves wearing his costume offstage and who wants "Memory" sung at *his* memorial service.

While a number of the actors are double-cast, Darlene Popovic gets the gold star for quick switches from the TV-show girl to the mysteriously appearing Mother Teresa, to a society matron, the self-help guru and Sterling's go-for-it mom. Popovic's satiric onslaughts account for much of the evening's hilarity.

As the sex-obsessed priest, a role to which the playwright entrusted his life-affirming message, Howard Swain unfortunately delivered a burlesque performance that undermined what might have been a sensitive-though-funny bid for compassion. When Jeffrey confesses he's had impure thoughts about his soccer coach, the lascivious priest demands, "What am I, a mind reader? Bring me the Polaroids." Failing in his frenetic attempt to seduce Jeffrey, he offers bitter consolation to the pilgrim. "Of course life sucks," he says, and then delivers his personal doctrine: "There's only one real blasphemy... the refusal of joy."

New York is not so big that Jeffrey and Stephen don't keep running into each other. Stephen pursues and Jeffrey finally gets the message. Against a background of Gershwin tunes and a late-night Manhattan skyline from the top of the Empire State Building, the would-be lovers meet, have their first kiss and wander off, hand-in-hand.

Joe Lucas and Keith Elgin Douglas perform in a dizzying array of multiple roles from muggers to priests to gym jocks. Director Christopher Ashley duplicated his New York and Los Angeles success on our local stage. Romantic melodies assembled by Donna Riley; off-the-wall costumes by David C. Wollard; scenery by James Youmans; and a plethora of quick-change wigs by David H. Lawrence.

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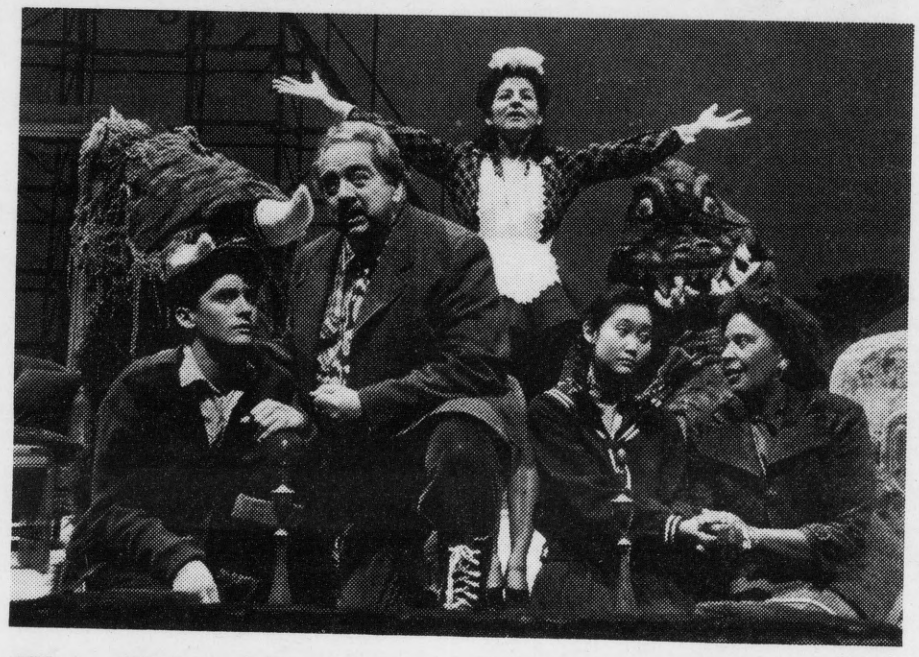

The cast of TheatreWorks "Skin of Our Teeth."
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The Skin of Our Teeth

Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of Our Teeth*, the 50-year-old Pulitzer Prize-winning drama celebrating the indomitability of the human spirit, has been given a superb mounting by TheatreWorks. Flair, wit and poignant compassion are the touchstones of director Robert Kelley's definitive version.

Updated to take satirical advantage of televised news commentaries on such events as global floods and beauty contests, the play opens in the home of the Antrobus family, circa 1943 (the ice age has just reached New Jersey), shifts to the Atlantic City boardwalk in 1968, and concludes in the war-devastated landscape of the Antrobus living room in 1993. Set designer Bruce McLeod has anchored the Antrobus living room and act two's boardwalk within the framework of a now-soaring, now-plunging rollercoaster.

Wilder's "family of man" has been assembled in the most brilliant stroke of cross-cultural casting in the Bay Area since this PC fact of life became a prime consideration in soliciting major theatrical grants. The Antrobus family features George Ward's Everyman, the intrepid inventor/head of household whose optimism, do-or-die perseverance, and pursuit of knowledge pulls his family through such natural calamities as the ice age and great flood, as well as such man-devised disasters as war, depression and his own philandering. And always by the skin of his and their teeth. Ward, as usual, is a joy to watch as he herds his hesitant family through eons of despair to an uncertain future.

Antrobus has already invented the wheel, the alphabet, and his numbering system is on the verge of breakthrough. Pragmatic Mrs. Antrobus, in a delightful performance by Fannie Lee Lowe, sees little purpose in the abstract conveniences of her husband's inventions and is mostly concerned with keeping her family fed, clothed and warm. Her sympathies do not extend to the column of homeless passing her window as they head south to avoid the encroaching wall of ice.

Sabina, the cynical sexpot maid (Luz de la Riva), brings the play to a screeching halt on occasion to step forward, flip the skirt of her bouffant French maid's uniform and, with extreme exasperation, remind us that she doesn't understand the play, doesn't like her role and is trapped into playing it forever while the rest of us get to go home. In an outrageous burlesque of a Hispanic accent, she begs us to take the play "serious."

Daughter Glady is played by Donna Mae Wong and the son, violence-prone Henry, is played by Jonathan Rider. Henry, renamed in an attempt to wipe out the memory of his brother Abel's murder, continues to harass the neighborhood with his lethal slingshot, and by act three has fulfilled his youthful promise. He is now a soldier, a professional and legitimate killing machine. The first act's household pets are a playful dinosaur and a whimpering mammoth. A large cast doubles as assorted conventioneers, homeless, pageant contestants, broadcasters and fortune-tellers.

Aodh Og O'Tuama's sound design introduces the acts with a big-band sound from 1943, a Dylan song for the 1968 segment, and a rock theme to set the mood for 1993's holocaust. Lighting by Pamela Gray Bones and costumes by Suzanne Jackson.

Wilder's script and Kelley's direction make their points (perhaps more pertinent now than in the 1943 original production) on racism, feminism, parental responsibility, the homeless, along with our everyday weaknesses and follies. But just as the skeleton of a rollercoaster reminds us that what goes down must come back up again,

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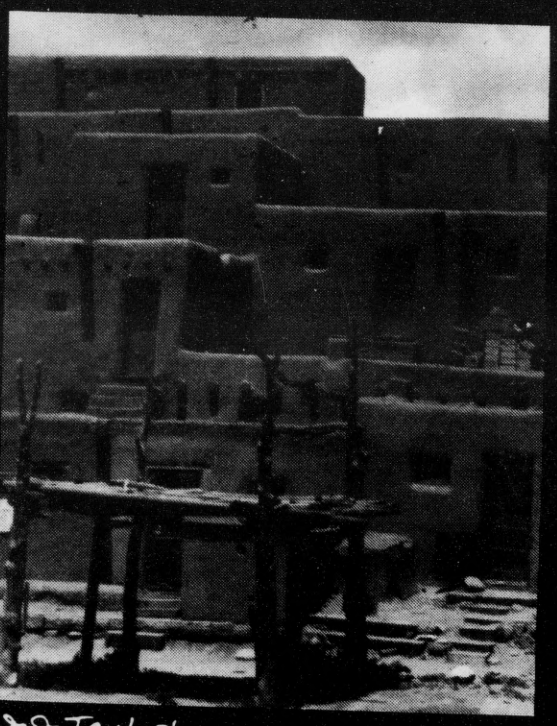

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Dana Lee and Nancy Kwan in "Arthur and Leila."

Arthur and Leila

Considering its past performance record as a cutting-edge producer of new theater work by women, Brava! For Women in the Arts' world premiere of Cherylene Lee's *Arthur and Leila* is a major disappointment.

An impressive list of funding sources including the Rockefeller Foundation and the Fund for New American Plays (joint project of the Kennedy Center and American Express Company) leaves one wondering about the criteria for such awards. Surely, somewhere along the play's development (including the Mark Taper Mentor Playwrights Program), someone must have suggested that a drama is more than a mere idea.

Actors Dana Lee and Nancy Kwan (a late replacement) are considerably short-changed by the static situation and repetitive dialogue of Lee's script. They deserve better than an inert one-act that has been padded to two hours with intermission.

Arthur (Lee), first-born son of a Chinese shopkeeper, has inherited the family treasures and blackmails sister Leila (Kwan) into supporting his gambling and drinking addictions by selling worthless trivia to her from his presumed warehouse of valuable historic artifacts. Chic Leila, now married to a white plastic surgeon and president of the Asian Cultural Exchange Society, is so desperate to establish a family heritage for herself that she will fork over $200 for a crumb of food from a toothbrush that may have belonged to her mother. The subsequent purchase of a single chopstick makes us question this otherwise intelligent woman's gullibility. It's pretty obvious that there is no treasure and that if there ever was, brother Arthur has long ago drunk up the proceeds.

A second-act role-playing scene in which their sibling rivalry vents itself in psychiatric probing, comes too late and fails ultimately to resolve a dilemma not fully explored by the playwright. Amy Mueller directed. Jon Jang composed a score that simply called attention to itself when nothing much was happening onstage.

Arthur and Leila continues at the Magic Theatre through Nov. 21. Call 776-8999. ✿

Nunsense II

CitiArts' production of *Nunsense II*—if public acclaim is any indication—may run forever, as their first production of *Nunsense* threatened to do. This version, in my opinion, is considerably inferior to the earlier one, mostly because it's a rehash of what has gone before and lacks any real plot line to connect the 20 musical "revue" numbers.

If you recall, Sister Mary Paul (aka Mary Amnesia) has won the lottery, which will save the Little Sisters of Mount Saint Helens from foreclosure. In version two, Mary Amnesia is being claimed by some Machiavellian "Franciscans" who need her lottery money for their own fun and games. No fear, the Lord protects drunks, fools and forgetful nuns.

The cast includes Barbara Larsen as the Reverend Mother and Alma Sayles as her right hand, Sister Hubert. Both deliver ingratiating performances and both are accomplished belters. Dana Torres-Koss, Julie James and Deborah Del Mastro complete the complement of giddy singing and dancing nuns.

The humor in this version seems forced, now and then bordering on the vulgar (auction items include a toilet seat with a picture of Jesus on the lid and a statuette of the Virgin made of macaroni).

Yes, the audience gets to play along too, in a (what else?) real bingo game. (A trip to Rome via Delta Airlines will be awarded in a drawing of bingo winners on New Year's Eve.)

You'll have fun even if you didn't go to Catholic school.

Nunsense II continues its open-ended run at CitiArts, Willows Shopping Center, Concord. Call (510) 671-3388.

"Adeline" and "DuBarry" Close Lost Musicals Series

Reviewed by Charles Whaley

Sweet Adeline, the musical Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein wrote especially for Helen Morgan, was the hottest ticket in New York. Despite the market crash of 1929, it chalked up a respectable 234 performances.

The concert/staged reading version that 42nd Street Moon Productions mounted at the New Conservatory Theatre as the fifth in its highly welcome series of "lost musicals" is only the fourth production that *Sweet Adeline* has had since its premiere.

Let me hasten to announce that this long-buried treasure, with Stephanie Rhoads triumphing in the bittersweet Helen Morgan role, is an unqualified success—a cornucopia of melody, wit and show biz smarts.

This is by far the strongest cast that co-producers Rhoads and Greg MacKellan have assembled in their series. There's not a weak link or a dull moment under Mark D. Kaufmann's direction, Susan Main's zestful choreography and Lauren Meyer's expert musical direction.

The title Kern and Hammerstein gave their show arouses memories of the old barbershop song that sang the praises of turn-of-the-century coloratura soprano Adelina Patti, the most popular and highest-paid singer of her day. But the Addie of this *Sweet Adeline* was plain Addie Schmidt, daughter of the proprietor of a Hoboken beer garden.

Both Addie and her younger sister Nellie (Annemarie Ballinger) are enamored of smug, vain sailor Tom Martin (William Fahrner), who becomes a hero after rescuing a spaced-out rich boy, Ruppert Day (James Worthy), from

Stephanie Rhoads and Robert Keefe in "Sweet Adeline." Photo by Colleen Costello.

drowning.

When Ruppert appears at the beer garden, he is recognized from his newspaper pictures by piccolo player Dot (Cindy Goldfield), who immediately falls for him. (It's Dot who opens the show with the larky, "Play Me a Polka, Dot.")

Meanwhile, would-be burlesque star Lulu (Judy Rae Whiting in a part that Kern and Hammerstein jokingly named for Helen Morgan's omnipresent mother) complains about her philandering mate Dan Ward (Michael J. Temlin), a theatrical advance man, and sings "My Husband's First Wife."

Noble, high-minded Addie meets rich Ruppert's equally rich brother Jim (Mark Hurty) when Lulu tries to finagle the brothers into backing her new show.

Asked to sing something for Jim, Addie torches things up with a gorgeously sung, "Why Was I Born?" (Along with "Don't Ever Leave Me," a later duet for Addie and Jim, the song was a major hit for Morgan, although two other lovely numbers ought to qualify as standards: "Here Am I" and the haunting "Some Girl Is on Your Mind," thrillingly sung by the men in the cast.)

Act Two finds Addie, now Adeline Belmont, a leading Broadway musical star adored by the multitudes but increasingly unhappy with her life-without-a-love.

Tom (marvelous tenor Fahrner) decides that glamorous Addie is for him and jilts her sister Nellie. Now there are three men in love with her: Tom; songwriter Sid Barnett (Robert Keefe), who hides his love thinking he's not good enough for her; and Jim. She settles for Jim, but when Sid and Tom brawl over her, scandalizing Jim's snobbish relatives (Lori Leigh Gieleghem, who also is the show's arch narrator, and Robert Visini), she sees that class differences are too big a barrier for them. Breaking off with Jim, she realizes at last that true-hearted, self-effacing Sid is her soulmate.

As the dense but captivating Ruppert, James Worthy with his impeccable comedy timing and dopey grin was the audience favorite in a show in which everyone excelled.

PORTER CLASSIC DOESN'T CLICK

For its final offering of the fall season of "lost musicals," 42nd Street Moon Productions resurrected Cole Porter's 1939 *DuBarry Was a Lady*, which originally starred Ethel Merman and Bert Lahr and introduced Betty Grable to Broadway.

Without such high-voltage stars and lavish staging to whisk an audience from a New York nightclub to the French Court of Louis XV, the concert version/staged reading comes off as terribly forced humor that seldom hits its target.

The book by Herbert Fields and B.G. DeSylva, however, wouldn't be such a liability (we *expect* these old musicals to have creaky plots) if Porter's score weren't so anemic. Only "Do I Love You?" became a minor standard, though "Friendship" got a lot of play in its day.

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blandest love song Porter ever wrote. (''When love beckoned on 52nd Street'' is a dull stretch for a rhyme!)

Still, for aficionados of vintage musicals there's pleasure to be had in hearing the songs, even when some plot aspects just don't click for modern audiences. And there's no denying that a couple of Porter's upbeat numbers, such as ''Give Him the Oo-La-La,'' ''Well, Did You Evah!'' and even the self-consciously risque ''Katie Went to Haiti'' have a zip that still delights.

Porter's most wicked lyrics (some of which had to be changed to satisfy Boston censors) are in ''But in the Morning, No,'' which has so many refrains that not all could possibly be used by 42nd Street Moon producers MacKellan and Rhoads.

MacKellan plays Louis Blore, a washroom attendant at Manhattan's Club Petite, who wins the lottery and declares his suppressed love for May Daley (Nancy Palmer Jones), the club's star singer.

The convoluted plot has Louis mistakenly swallowing some knock-out drops and dreaming that he is Louis XV while May is transformed into Madame DuBarry, ''mistress in name only.'' All the actors play dual roles as they cavort between contemporary New York and 18th century France.

When he regains consciousness, Louis gives away all his money, helps May marry her true love (Scott Grinthal) and settles for the showgirl who's been pursuing him (Anna Marie Gutierrez, using her ''Miss Adelaide'' voice throughout).

Steve Zee directed and choreographed, and Randall Allen was musical director. Also in the cast were Richard Pardini, Kristen Iuppenlatz, Diana Sheehan, James Friedman, Nicholas Greene, Steven F. Sutherland, Christy Paysen and Peter Alfano. ✿

Jumping the Broom

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

Theatre Rhinoceros takes a light-hearted look at lesbian and gay marriages in its production (which they developed over the past year) of *Jumping the Broom*. The ''broom'' refers to a ''wedding tradition performed at the reception of slave weddings.'' Well, the slave part is not dealt with, but the ''wedding'' subject sure is in a series of monologues and short scenes written by ten authors. With good direction, a varied script and eight capable actors, the overall result is fun, fun, fun.

The rapid-fire delivery of wedding-related witticisms of the opening number establishes not only the play's overall subject matter, but the tongue-in-cheek approach to come.

Act I presents in 14 short scenes some basic attitudes—both positive and negative—on the subject of homosexuals getting married (from the lesbian and gay point of view, naturally). So many fun scenes race by, yet several manage to stand out. Fontana Butterfield fantasizes erotically about what will happen ''On Our Wedding Night'' by Suzanne Sherman. Writer Charles E. Polly cleverly takes the concept of ''legalized'' marriage beyond the pale with his ''Contract Sports'' which features a lawyer, two grooms, two witnesses and a date stamper. ''The Dilemma'' by Jennifer Hammer gently examines recognition of homosexual love versus careers and company policies. And Dean Backus tells a good story with stylized, interactive flashbacks in ''First Comes Love'' utilizing the whole cast and closing the Act.

Act II (in 11 scenes) charmingly begins with the various thoughts (wry, jealous, sarcastic, angry, etc.) of spectators at the wedding of two gay men in the witty ''Views From the Pews'' by-various playwrights. Also well received are ''Grooms'' by John Hogan and Dean Backus, ''Invoking Goddesses'' by Mary Milton (also acting in *Broom*) and ''Girls' Night Out'' by Bella Kent.

Rhino's latest offering looks at gay/lesbian marriage. Photo by Steve Savage.

Direction by John Kirman keeps the fun coming at a quick pace. He wisely allows some lines to be throw-aways, focusing the actors on the more essential moments. His constantly clever blocking oftentimes borders on choreography, and his appreciation for stage pictures regularly pays off with pleasing visuals.

The cast of four men and four women is a good ensemble. Yet Fontana Butterfield (yes, the program promises that's her real name) stands out again and again. This pretty blonde combines good comic timing with a playful kittenish quality. And also consistently fun is the merrily mischievous Norman Gee.

The jigsaw modular set pieces designed by Peter Tolin-Baker provide quickly ever-changing environs for the multiple locations. Anne E. Mitchell creates a festive air with her colorful lighting though several scenes could benefit from more mood-specific specials, instead of the constant overall stage washes. Costumes by Kent E. Nelson are uniformly simple and good, always appropriate to the moment at hand.

Definitely aimed at the gay audience, a straight audience may feel left out and occasionally bashed. *Broom* is a fun night out (about two hours) for you and that loved one who hasn't yet popped the question (or who did and you're still glad).

Jumping the Broom at Theatre Rhinoceros until December 11. $12-18. 861-5079.

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Texas Chainsaw 90210

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

Disgusting! Revolting!! And for some—perhaps many—lots of fun! John Waters (of *Pink Flamingos* fame) would be proud of Tony Vaguely, who presents The Sick and Twisted Players in *Texas Chainsaw 90210*. Yes, that's the title. *Chainsaw* combines the characters from *Beverly Hills, 90210* with the basic premise (and plot?) of the cult gore-fest *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*. Truly sick and twisted. Akin to an explosion in a septic tank!

Speaking of explosions, cast members throw liquid slime of various sorts onto the audience. Not an unsuspecting audience, however. A pre-show warning/disclaimer is tendered and plastic garbage bags are provided. ''You *will* get wet.'' Anyone remaining is consenting to whatever befalls them. Flying into the faces, hair and clothing of the nervous spectator are what appear to be blood, viscera and vomit. Pretty…

Writer Tony Vaguely mixes outrageous farce with grotesque gore and guts. Written extremely economically, every line is either a comic set-up or a laugh-getting payoff. He pushes to even wilder extremes the already ridiculously exaggerated characterizations from the hit television show and then grosses the viewer out completely—not just by what's seen on stage, but also by what comes flying off the stage. Who cares if the whole cast is dismembered? We're still pulling the wet oatmeal (?) out of our hair and scraping the goo off our faces.

Plot? Simple. Brandon (played by Mike Wilson) has injured his legs, so he and four friends from *90210* must consult with a specialist located in Texas. The car runs out of gas in a backwoods community where grave-robbing and other atrocities have recently been taking place. Don't worry about your friends giving away the ending: The survivor of the ensuing carnage changes from night to night. Dumber-than-dumb Donna miraculously screamed her way to safety the performance I attended.

Sick, Twisted, Players. Photo by Brook Dillon.

Stage names for actors abound in the program. Perhaps they're all wanted by the law. And yet, they're all great with comic timing and their ultra-campy characterizations. Deena Davenport as the bitchy Brenda argues, complains and perpetually poses poutily. A real crowd pleaser. Kelly and Donna are portrayed by blond-wigged drag queens Q-Pid and Mylar (respectively). Their real names? I think not. And watch out for the House Nurse from hell (played by Nonnie Heath). Every time she's around there's a good chance something revolting will happen to the audience.

Lighting and set design (also by Vaguely) are sufficiently off-kilter to maintain the spirit of a world gone insane. No one takes credit in the program for the costumes, but they're great. Vaguely's direction is consistently bizarre and campy, setting new boundaries and frightening implications for the term ''gay sensibility.''

Vaguely promises the November 27 closing will include extra gore effects. Whooppee! Though this is not my favorite kind of theater experience, I must admit to being surrounded by bunches of screaming fans. (I spent most of the show under my garbage bag. I wanted to go out on the town afterward.) Wear old clothes and/or perhaps a sleazy raincoat. You'll fit right in.

Texas Chainsaw 90210 at Bernice Street Playhouse until Nov. 27. $8-12 sliding scale at door. 863-5946. ✿

film

BY GRETA CHRISTINA

The Piano

Reviewed by Greta Christina

A couple of weeks ago, I finally got around to seeing *Like Water For Chocolate*. While I certainly enjoyed the hell out of it, I found myself mildly disappointed; it hadn't quite lived up to the lunatic ravings I'd been hearing for so many months. It was hardly the movie's fault—nothing short a miracle of the loaves and fishes variety could have lived up to that kind of build-up.

For this reason, I am somewhat hesitant to tell you just exactly how much I enjoyed *The Piano*. I find myself looking for flaws, for weaknesses, for anything at all that will moderate my description of what a phenomenally touching, beautiful, brilliant film this is. I would hate to have you see it after reading my review and think to yourself, "Well, it was pretty good, but it wasn't *that* great."

But that's just too bad. Because I'm going to tell you anyway: It really is that great.

Directed by Jane Campion (*Sweetie*, *An Angel at My Table*), *The Piano* tells the story of three English colonists settling in the New Zealand bush in the 19th century. Holly Hunter plays Ada, an English woman who travels to an arranged marriage accompanied by her 9-year-old daughter, a few possessions, and her beloved and treasured piano. Ada does not speak—she's not deaf or physically dumb, but she hasn't spoken since she was 6 years old—and although she communicates through writing and sign language, her piano is her only audible voice. When she arrives, her husband Stewart (Sam Neill) refuses to have the piano moved, and it is left behind on the beach. Baines (Harvey Keitel), one of Stewart's neighbors, seeing Ada's attachment to the piano and her distress at its abandonment, has it transported to his own home and strikes a bargain with her. She may earn back her piano if she allows him to watch her play and "do things" while she plays.

I don't want to tell you too much more about the plot; one of the more delightful things about the film is its unpredictability. And the story is—on the surface, at least—rather simple. A retelling would make it seem less complex and delicate than it actually is. The art, like God, is in the details.

To give you a sense of what I mean, let me describe a detail. You know how, in most movies in which someone plays music, the music on the soundtrack doesn't match what the actor is doing with the instrument? You know how it usually doesn't even come close? You know how the actors go up when the melody goes down, or keep playing for a couple of measures after the music stops? Not in *The Piano*. When Ada sits down to play, the music you see her playing is the music you hear.

Now, this may seem like a rather small detail to be paying attention to. But it shows the kind of integrity and commitment that Campion has clearly brought to this project. The piano playing is an integral part of the story—it really couldn't have worked any other way. If it had been faked, it would have made Ada's character seem false. (The piano music on the soundtrack was, in fact, played by Holly Hunter and was created with her musical style in mind.)

The entire film is full of details like that. The lighting and camerawork create a look that is dark and mysterious, and yet somehow crystal clear (as opposed to so many films which somehow manage to look both garish and muddy). The music, written by Michael Nyman, is lovely and haunting, and although it's not exactly in the style of the period, it has an odd timeless quality that keeps it from being jarring. And the costumes are particularly superb—their authenticity conveys a sense of repressed eroticism more clearly than ten thousand words could have done.

But all these fine details really just serve as the setting for some of the finest acting I've seen this year. Hunter, Neill and Keitel all turn in remarkable performances. They are complex, expressive, unaffected, sensual and heartbreaking. They make their characters come across as genuine and human. It is their work that breathes life into this film.

THE TRASH BIN

The Three Musketeers: If you were thinking about seeing this movie because the preview had some funny bits, don't bother. They put all the good bits in the preview. Jesus, what a loser. For the first hour or so, I sat in the theater wondering why Disney would bother doing a shoddy remake of a perfectly good movie barely 20 years old. Then I remembered. They did it to make money. They'll probably succeed: It doesn't look like the production costs went much over a buck fifty. The costumes must have been dug out of a storage locker from a high school production of *Camelot* (or some other tale of Ye Olden Yon Days of Yore). The acting is competent at best, and at worst is so embarrassingly dreadful that it makes you wonder what drugs the casting director was on. To call the screenplay formula is an insult to the noble profession of formula screenwriting. And the plot is full of holes in much the same way that the ocean is full of salt water. Tim Curry is the best part: It's sort of fun to hear the voice of Frank N. Furter coming out of the mouth of Cardinal Richelieu.

Carlito's Way: A character study in which you never find out who the main character really is, what makes him tick, or why you should be interested in him—now, there's an idea. Directed by Brian de Palma, *Carlito's Way* stars Al Pacino as Carlito, a Reformed Bad Guy Trying to Get Straight and Go for His Dreams, who makes the Fatal Error of Doing One Last Job to Help Out a Pal in Trouble. Not exactly one of Pacino's shining moments. The movie isn't bad as a period piece—it's set in the hetero disco culture of the mid '70s, and the tacky, hedonistic, disco-party-polyester-cocaine atmosphere is fairly amusing. Not amusing enough, though; the movie is pointless, meandering, self-consciously arty and too long by about an hour. The story culminates when Carlito's tepid girlfriend Gail (Penelope Ann Miller) actually throws herself onto Carlito's bleeding, bullet-ridden body, screaming, "Don't leave me, Charlie!" How quaint. I didn't think people did that anymore. Best part: I never thought I would write these words while I had breath in my body, and the Great Film Critic in the Sky may rip the heart out of my word processor for writing them, but the best part of this movie is Sean Penn. No, really. His character was the only one that I found consistently engaging. Please don't hate me for that.

The Remains of the Day: Not my favorite Merchant/Ivory production (that was *A Room With a View*), but that doesn't make it a bad film. After all, Ismail Merchant and James Ivory at their worst are still a bezillion times better than most of the best of Hollywood. Starring Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson (Merchant/Ivory's version of Astaire and Rogers), *The Remains of the Day* tells of Stevens, the head butler for a vast English estate, who uses his obsessive devotion to duty as a shield from the dreaded perils of having an emotional life. Stevens (played with frightening restraint by Hopkins) uses this blind service of his "betters" to fend off both his affection for the estate's housekeeper, Miss Kenton (Thompson), and his growing realization that his employer is a Nazi sympathizer and collaborator. The film is a detailed exploration of what it does to a person's soul to abdicate the responsibility for making emotional and ethical choices. A fine subject for a film—but not for two hours and 15 minutes. That's a bit long for a film in which the main character doesn't change or grow, avoids making any substantial decisions, and sees the error of his ways long after it's too late to do anything about it. James Fox is especially terrific as Lord Darlington, the reserved, pompous, moronic, Upper-Class Nazi Twit of the Year. ✿

Holly Hunter and Anna Paquin in Jane Campion's "The Piano" (left). And the boys on horses are the Three Musketeers, a giant yawner of a film.

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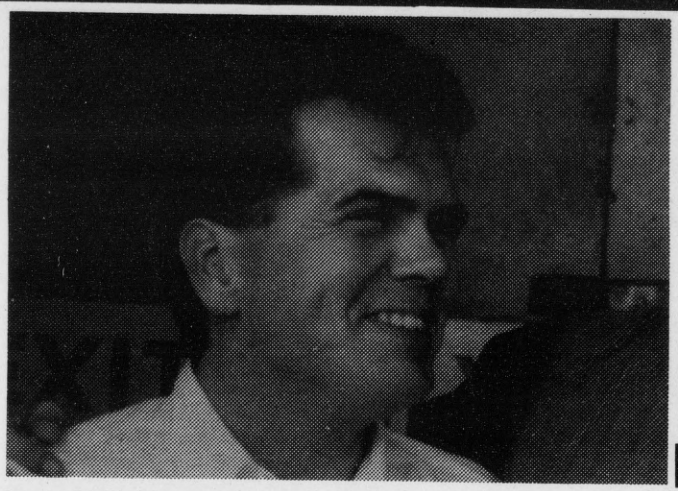


Michael Lumpkin has devoted himself to lesbian and gay films and filmmaking. Photo by Rink.

Out Takes is a new monthly series profiling the lesbians, gay men and bisexuals who are out and working in the field of film and video production. There will be interviews with people in every aspect of the industry from production assistants to Hollywood screenwriters. The power of the moving image is increasing daily. These are the men and women who are helping to ensure our voice in this most influential of all media.

We begin this month with Micheal Lumpkin. Micheal was director of the Lesbian and Gay Film Festival from 1980 to 1991. For the last two years, along with Rob Epstein and Jeffery Friedman, he has been coproducing *The Celluloid Closet*, a documentary on the work of Vito Russo. I spoke with Micheal in his office at Telling Pictures on Dolores Street.

(Bay Times) How did you get started?

(Lumpkin) I studied film in undergraduate school, then moved out here and went to graduate school at San Francisco State where I got involved with the lesbian and gay organization on campus. I began programming lesbian and gay films for the organization. I did this for about a year, and then one day I saw a flyer for the Lesbian and Gay Film Festival here in San Francisco. I gave them a call and got involved and by the following year, which was the fourth festival, I had become the director. And I did that for the next 12 years.

What was involved in being director of the festival?

Basically, the director is the person overseeing all aspects of making the festival run. Of course, that was very different in 1980 than it was in 1990. As the festival changed and grew, so did the job. The staff I had to work with became larger, but still I was responsible for making sure everything happened so I would do anything from tracking down films to stuffing envelopes.

How did you find films for the festival?

Well, in the early years of the festival, it was all programmed by submission. People would just send in films and they would be selected and shown. But after one year under my directorship, we began inviting films because I wanted to expand the festival to include feature films and also films from other countries. So we stopped waiting for the films to come to us, and started to aggressively research and find work from people who had not necessarily heard of us. Also, the first year I was director, the New York Lesbian and Gay Film Festival started, so I took our program to New York and Philadelphia and did some screenings which enabled me to make contacts in other cities and eventually in other countries.

Since you had a wider selection of films, how did you select which ones would be shown?

Other than the films that are invited to the festival by the programmers, the selection was and still is done by a screening committee. All submissions are seen by the committee and they make the final decisions.

Were there some countries that had a greater wealth of lesbian and gay films?

Yes, in the early '80s, the Netherlands in particular had a large number a features to show. And their government agency which promotes the films of that country was very supportive of this small gay film festival coming to them making requests. And so it was very easy to go through a local consulate of the Netherlands and get any film we wanted. I think one year we had four features from the Netherlands and we probably didn't have one from the U.S.

Why was it so difficult to get features that were produced here?

During the '80s most of the features were from foreign countries because what lesbian and gay features there were that had been produced in the U.S. really didn't make the festival circuit. They just went directly into theaters. They didn't wait to be premiered at a lesbian and gay film festival. That's changing now, but at the time the people responsible for releasing and marketing the films didn't see festivals as part of their system. They, meaning the distributors, also thought it would be detrimental to a film to be pigeonholed as lesbian or gay. They wanted to be sure they would make money so these features would be marketed as crossover films. But over the years, the festival demonstrated that there is a large audience for lesbian and gay films. When they see lines around the block at the Castro theater, they see money. Also, there are more independent films being produced in the U.S. now and that has changed the strategy for releasing films. Festivals are now an important part of the marketing a film.

You mentioned that there are more independent films being made. How do these films get funding outside of the major studios?

There are more middle-ground players now, smaller companies that may have started as distributors are now branching out into production. Larger companies are also setting up subsidiaries under different names to release independent or off-beat work. But raising money is always difficult. It involves identifying what the potential sources are and going after them all. There are still people who do it on their credit cards. Sometimes support can be gotten through PBS or ITVS grants. And there is the regular route of rounding up investors.

There seem to be more films produced for gay men than for lesbians. Is there a clear-cut reason for that?

Well, it goes back to that very basic situation between the sexes that exists in most professions. This one isn't any different. There aren't that many women filmmakers to be begin with and those producing lesbian work is even smaller. I think that's the major factor. Also, I think the gay male audience, as an audience to exploit, has been easier for distributors to find. There are already the marketing and promotional avenues in place to reach gay men and that's because films are mostly marketed and released by men, and a lot of gay men are in the mainstream entertainment industry.

Are these gay men very closeted?

I don't have that much contact with the mainstream entertainment industry. I just know that there are a lot of gay men there from my own observation. I'm sure some of them do have trouble being out, but I think that's really changing. You still hear stories that are kind of shocking, that someone feels they have to be closeted. I just find it amazing that anyone in the entertainment industry in Los Angeles feels they have to be closeted. I think it has more to do with the person than who they're working for.

Have you always been out to everyone you've dealt with in the industry?

From the beginning I was director of the lesbian and gay film festival. I never announced that I'm gay, but I don't think anyone assumed I was straight.

What have you been doing since you left the festival?

For the last couple of years, I've been working on the *Celluloid Closet* film project with Rob Epstein and Jeffery Friedman, making the film version of Vito Russo's book. It's been really gratifying to be able to continue Vito's work, in a way. It's fun doing the research, and over the last few years we've made several new discoveries of older films that we hope to surprise people with. The film will have a theatrical release sometime in '94 and will probably also be shown on PBS.

Working with Rob and Jeffery, has funding been easier to get for this project? I think everyone assumes that after getting an Academy Award, money just rolls right in.

Well, it doesn't roll in. You still have to ask for it. Certainly, Rob and Jeffery's past work has opened a lot of doors for us, but fundraising, particularly for documentaries, is still very difficult.

Since you have such a large view of lesbian and gay film history, how have things changed over the years?

I guess the most important thing I've seen is the development of a very strong market for lesbian and gay films. We've gone from a time when a theater in St. Louis wouldn't even think of programming a lesbian or gay feature to a time when they're asking to get them. At the level of the of the theaters, the bookers, the distributors this change is totally for economic reasons. Again, they see an audience and they see money. This doesn't mean that the filmmakers themselves are getting rich, but now they know if they take a shot at making a film it will have a good chance at being shown. So, consequently, more films are now being made.

Do you see an entire cable channel being dedicated to the lesbian, gay, bisexual community in the near future?

I wouldn't be surprised if it happened, but I'm not really sure that would be a good thing. It would feel a little too segregated to me. I would rather see a lesbian or gay film on a channel that everyone watches as opposed to one that only the queers watch. I want to see the work infiltrate all the channels. That's how I viewed the film festival, as a way of bringing these films into such general acceptance that there wouldn't be a need for a separate festival anymore. Our work needs to be everywhere. ✿

books

Queer Writers and Book Lovers Converge at Book Fair

by Randy Turoff

The San Francisco Bay Area Book Festival drew over 200 participating authors, 300 exhibitors and tens of thousands of book lovers of all persuasions. For writers, editors and publishers, it was the biggest book party to happen on the West Coast this year. For those of us who couldn't make it to the recent OutWrite conference in Boston, a number of the key players at that event were brought directly into our own backyard posthaste, to be on lesbian/gay panels and to give readings. Lesbian and gay editors from the East Coast publishing houses of Dutton, Crown and Alyson offered advice, encouragement and reality checks for authors straining toward publication in a tight-ass market.

Tales were told by writers about the ins and outs of untraditional queer literary careers, up against the history of omission. Readers in the audience saw the personalities behind some recently published books, and many of the authors participated in panels. Some authors were given the time and space to actually read more extensive excerpts from their work at the festival and others gave readings at bookstores throughout the Bay Area. For in addition to the actual Book Festival at the Concourse Exhibition Center, bookstores were holding week-long readathons themselves for local and visiting writers.

I attended a number of the events, including the one preregistered, ticket-paid panel on "How to Get Published." As an author myself, with a couple of manuscripts in need of publication, I was all ears. The Saturday panel, "We Have Been Everywhere: Lesbian/Gay Lives, Now and Then," with Jewelle Gomez as moderator, was particularly intriguing with its informal discussions on sexual identity, queer culture and breaking taboos both in the straight and gay worlds.

The Sunday panel "True Fictions: Tales Out of Lesbian/Gay Lives," moderated by Joan Drury, explored gay storytelling as a way of figuring out one's non-prescribed place in society while using fiction to discover and create truths about lesbian/gay lives. Since we are constantly in the process of re-inventing ourselves, our literature reflects our realities and fantasies at the same time.

Jewelle Gomez (*Forty-Three Septembers*) spoke about the largeness of life and how lesbian/gay writers need to acknowledge their specialness as well as their unique capacity for survival. Previously unprivileged, we have the privilege of being able to understand how others have lived and survived on this planet, especially those outside of limited reproductive family situations. As writers, according to Gomez, we have the opportunity and privilege of being able to create and share new world views.

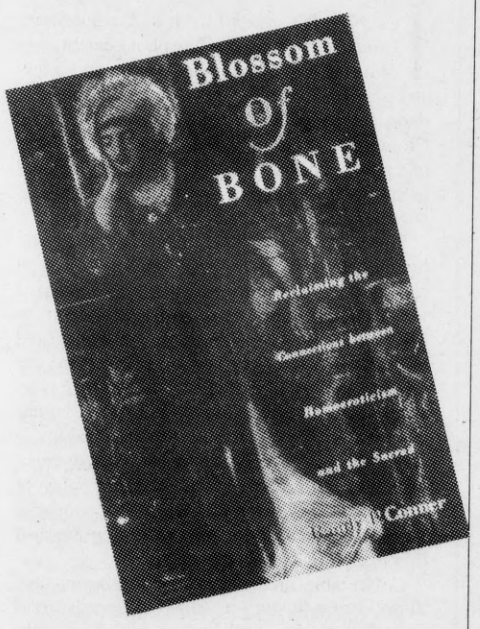
NPR correspondent and gay blade Frank Browning (*Culture of Desire*) spoke of writing his book as a form of psychotherapy—using nonfiction to figure out the paradoxes inherent in the notion of gay cultural identity. He perceives the dual process of coming out and longing for gay culture as an across-the-board American quest to combat loneliness and alienation, as a longing for place and belonging. He sees gay urban environments as enclaves for self-protection and

Jewelle Gomez spoke at the Book Fair. Photo by Val Wilmer.

self-realization, but on the other hand he believes it is the nature of a culture based on desire, ''perversity'' and self-definition, to be unfixed, perpetually transforming itself and risking its own stability. Being gay or queer is a definition of identity which is always ready to be sabotaged. Coming out is a process which Browning sees as never ending.

Randy Connor (*Blossom of Bone*) writes about sacred spaces where Radical Faeries can go to celebrate their own special mythology of self-identity. He speaks about coming out as a gay rite of passage where the individual's personality transforms by embodying a larger, mythic, archetypal form. His work has been compared to Judy Grahn's *Another Mother Tongue* from a queer male point of view. In fact, Connor equates nocturnal emission with menstruation! He speaks about radical gay men exorcising the demon of the patriarchal straight man within. He ended his short presentation with a quote from RuPaul, who claims he feels his masculine power most when he's in Goddess drag and tuning into the diva within.

Jyl Lynn Felman (*Hot Chicken Wings*), in a humorous and entertaining segment described her place within and her displacement from her Orthodox Jewish family. She likened her taste for pussy to her sisters' unnatural craving for shellfish, both tastes considered unkosher by family standards and strictly *verboten*. She says she's always been considered politically incorrect in whatever culture she's inhabited. Her characters, she explains, are all preoccupied with otherness and with not fitting in. In one of her stories, a thin woman walks through life know-



ing that inside of her there's a fat woman struggling to get out.

One of the boldest statements on any of the queer panels came from Terry Castle (*The Apparitional Lesbian*), an academic who publishes with Columbia University Press and who describes herself in her girlfriend's words as a pointy-headed twat. She says simply, that despite the attempted erasure of the lesbian from modern cultural and critical history, modernism *is* lesbian culture. Rattling off the names in the lesbian cultural pantheon, including the likes of Gertrude Stein, Virginia Woolf, Willa Cather, Greta Garbo, Audre Lorde, Adrienne Rich, etc. etc., Castle made her irrefutable point.

The statement ''We *are* culture'' was taken up the next day in the ''True Fiction'' panel by author Jennifer Levin (*The Sea of Light*), who reinforced Castle's sentiment by saying we are not a subculture but the makers of culture itself. Homosex artists have always been the flamboyant breakers of taboo. Once Pandora's box is opened, as Levin describes it, the culture at large is never the same. By breaking taboos we put ourselves back in touch with the sacred, and we leave the deadening mandalas behind, like the current mandala of the TV screen which, according to Levin, is killing our creativity and our very humanity. Raul Thomas, who just published his novel in Madrid about growing up gay in disco-era Mexico, agreed with Levin that it is only when we dream and when we love that we are really alive. He reiterated what many writers at the Festival were saying about gay people being survivors and the heros of their own lives. Our friends and lovers pass down this knowledge, says Thomas, and they teach us how to survive as a people who have always fled from repression toward freedom.

Being a writer and writing stories, articles, fiction and non-fiction books is considered to be an absolute necessity of self-identity for virtually every writer on every panel. Charles Busch, playwright and author of *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom* and *Whores of Lost Atlantis*, relate how he was starving as a solo performance artist and ended up writing lines for friends to perform together in a dive in New York's ''Alphabet City.'' The play *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom* was picked up as a cult favorite and ran at a bigger theater for a solid five years. He was approached by an alternative publisher to write about his experiences and he says he absolutely needed to write about his eccentric career as a first lady of the theater. He could never have made it in the straight theater as an actor, and despite the difficulties he's faced, it's made for an interesting life. Being published allows him to fit in, and it also saves him from drowning away in the temp pool.

Randye Lordon (*Brotherly Love*) says her mystery about a private investigator in Manhattan was a book she was compelled to write. She never knew it would take the form of a mystery. The book is really her way of coping with the actual disappearance and alleged death of her brother David. The story from life was changed to make up the book, but the painful reality was clearly the motivation behind the mystery. Joan Drury (*The Other Side of Silence*) was also surprised that after 40 years of journalism, poetry and activism, her first published book would turn out to be a mystery.

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Echoing Jewelle Gomez, Fenton Johnson (*Scissors, Paper, Rock*) also spoke about how formative books are to young readers and eventual writers, whose first visions of a world outside the four walls of family life come from books. As lesbian and gay writers, we are compelled to go beyond the givens of our family opinions and write about our own particular stories of survival. The critical element, says Johnson, is the quality of the storytelling. Every novel is by nature a merging of fiction and somebody's view of reality. By the same token, all autobiography is ultimately fiction.

GETTING PUBLISHED

With all the writers writing, and all the stories being told, especially by a newly visible throng of lesbian/gay authors demanding mainstream recognition, who is actually getting published and how are they doing it?

According to Carole DeSanti, an editor at Dutton, every writer who gets published is obsessive about writing. The word from the "How to Get Published" panel of eight (not exclusively gay) was basically this: Even with agented manuscripts, the ballpark odds of getting published right now are around 1 in 30,000. One of the authors on the panel, Jane Vandenburgh, who writes and has published both fiction and nonfiction, says a manuscript of hers was rejected by 27 different agents before being picked up by the very first publishing house she sent the manuscript to directly. The agents were so awful that one of them actually stole her manuscript box and sent her work back to her all scattered and wrinkled in a Jiffy Bag! Thom Parker, a teacher at Stanford and a N.Y. Times bestselling novelist, says it took him many years to get his first book published and that he was rejected by 43 publishing houses before someone acting as his agent got his manuscript through the front door. Two different writers, two different experiences with agents.

David Groff, an editor at Crown who recently published *Culture of Desire*, says he will no longer read manuscripts by unknowns. He suggests using an agent with direct access to publishers (i.e., an agent with clout in N.Y.C.). In the meantime he advises writers to establish themselves in their own literary communities and test sample chapters or articles in big magazines and newspapers first, to establish a reputation and to become known as a writer.

According to the experts on the panel, who finally gets published is not merely an editorial decision—at this point in history—it's largely a market-driven phenomenon. Everyone stressed the importance of niche marketing and of knowing who your audience is, as well as creating strong proposals, which DeSanti warned must get to the very heart of the idea in the book.

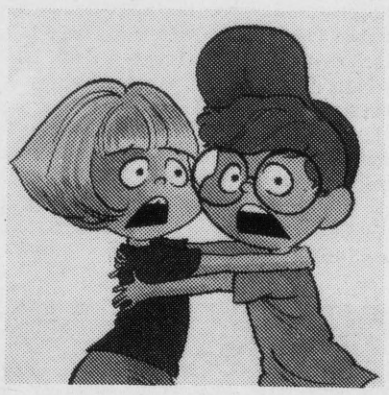
Because publishing is so market-driven at this time, major publishing houses prefer authors with outgoing personalities and ease in front of audiences and the TV camera. Both Groff and DeSanti said that authors who can connect with their performance potential are a better sell in the marketing department. Talk-show ability is a consideration. In fact, as the audience of mostly undramatic looking writers cringed in their seats, Groff mentioned that the larger publishing houses require a videotape of the author along with the detailed proposal and sample writing. DeSanti agreed with Groff about sending in videotapes along with the proposal but she was even more concerned with the strength and focus of the proposal. She did say however that publishing houses are no longer just emphasizing the written word or quality of the work, in terms of whom they actually end up publishing.

Who finally gets published is something which everyone on the panel agreed is mostly a matter of serendipity, timing and the right personality. Of course, the work must be great as well. If you see writing as a process which is necessary to your life and you don't get hung up on fame, fortune or grand expectations, being a writer has its own rewards and the publishing quest can be taken in some sort of manageable way. But, as one member of the panel put it, while you're following your instincts, desires and hunches, do not buy anything expensive on time. Don't hinge your life too much on fantasy. ✿

Two Moms, the Zark, and Me
by Johnny Valentine

Uncle What-Is-It Is Coming to Visit
by Michael Willhoite

Each published by Alyson Wonderland, $12.95



Reviewed by Jack Fertig

With the holidays fast approaching come the obligatory visits to relatives and/or gifts for the children in our lives. Some of us don't do obligatory visits, but were we to forget the kiddies during this orgy of consumerism—well, the consequences are too horrible to consider. Between a goddaughter, two nieces and my lover's two daughters, I'm grateful for all the help I can get.

The standard family descriptions found in "kiddie lit" are, well, standard; actually a form of nuclear bombardment. As I've always wanted to say in a review: Been there. Done that. *Hated it!* Well, my little cabbages, count on queer publisher Sasha Alyson to provide something different. Under the *imprimatur* of Alyson Wonderland, we indeed have something mercifully different. *Two Moms*, and *Uncle What-Is-It* of course, are brightly illustrated tales of the sort perfect for ages three to seven. Breezy, simple text; big, fun pictures; simple, engaging stories. Similarities end there.

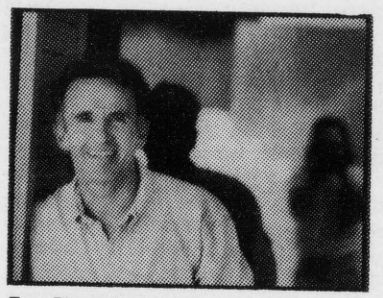
Uncle What-Is-It Is Coming to Visit starts off with little Igor and Tiffany engaged in the timeless struggle against the insidious horror of brussels sprouts as they learn that their Uncle Brett is about to visit. No, mother answers the usual question, Uncle Brett is not married—he's gay. Before mother can explain *that* particular adjective, the smell of burning brussels sprouts (Hooray!) interrupts the educational process. Left wondering, Igor and Tiffany wander off and ask a couple of teenage boys what "gay" means. Big mistake. The little ones are left horrified and wondering if Uncle Brett is a foofy queen in Carmen Miranda drag; a big, vicious, leather-clad, chain-wielding biker; or some odd permutation of the two. Here I could say: Been there. Done that. *Loved it!* But to be more pertinent, one can see that Michael Willhoite had lots of fun drawing out Igor and Tiffany's horrified anticipations of what Uncle Brett might actually be like! If only I had an uncle who did leather and/or drag! But Igor and Tiffany, despite their fabulous names, are a couple of suburban troglodettes— excuse me, regular kids with whom many of our nieces and nephews may easily identify—and are relieved that Uncle Brett turns out to be a pretty regular guy. And yes, says Unc B., some gay people indeed do leather or drag and that's fine and I'm PC and you're PC and everything is quite correct. But after I've read this to my nieces a few times, I'm going back with the leather harness and the tutti-frutti hat.

Two Moms, the Zark, and Me revolves around a child with two Moms and a slightly more than nodding acquaintance with the Zark, a beast in the zoo that resembles a dinosaur. The Kid (name and gender never identified) gets lost and seeks help first from some nuclear family fascist types (Zark to the rescue!) and then a very politically correct couple. The story is rather preachy and told in awkwardly metered quatrains, but until the kids are ready for Dorothy Parker they will not complain.

Each of these books is more than adequate, but less than brilliant. But that from a curmudgeonly perfectionist waiting for *The Cat in the Hat Comes Out* wherein Miss Thing One and Miss Thing Two fabulously redecorate the house while in dominatrix drag as Bette and Tallulah. In the meantime I am giving these books to my poor little nieces in Canoga Park and recommending them for all little ones who are equally desparate for enlightened reading. ✿

Extraordinary Friends
by Tom Bianchi

St. Martin's Press; 1993, $50



Tom Bianchi

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

It's big. It's beautiful. It's *Extraordinary Friends*, a black and white photo-celebration of naked gay men, some lesbians and a few straights. No, they're not just naked, they're nude. (Nude's a lot like naked, only gym-toned.) From opening photo of flying buns to final shot of a gentle poolside near-kiss, the bodies featured in this coffee-table tome are all first-rate physical specimens.

Bianchi provides a little information regarding his background in the introduction: "As an adolescent growing up just outside Chicago, I would daydream away from that suburban life to my own world. In my fantasies, men could hold each other in love; we could run naked on the beaches and live in sunlight.... These pictures attempt to make visible the human spirit that has transformed those young dreams into real life."

Bianchi's fantasy men fulfill his stated dreams, usually near bodies of water. They play at poolside, get hot by the hot tub and bounce around the beach. And these dudes are definitely the stuff that many daydreams are made of.

Coffee tables aren't known for housing intellectually brain-busting reading materials, and *Friends* is no exception. Instead, it's a fine example of artistic erotic photography, which is making and maintaining its own niche in the genre of over-large hardcovers. Every now and then, a perky pec and chiseled butt can relieve the tedium of the standard fare. I mean, how many aerial shots of New York City or colorful collections of Victorian buttonhooks can one tolerate?

Friends makes for fun and sexy viewing where another fairly recent example of coffee table "erotica" is not. Madonna's high-priced and even

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Tuesday, Nov. 30, 8 PM—Julia Penelope, *Lesbian Culture, an anthology: The Lives, Works, Ideas, Art and Visions of Lesbians Past and Present.* More than just a collection of articles, this book is a mirror of who we are. Co-editors Julia Penelope and Susan Wolfe have brought together the articles, stories, poems and pictures that help define "lesbian culture." Julia is the co-editor of other popular books, including ***Finding the Lesbians*** and ***For Lesbians Only.***

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higher-publicized *Sex* book is filled with photos that appear extremely posed. The megaceleb looks virtually uninvolved with the men and/or women around her (much less the sex acts she's staged), giving an overall effect that's cold, dark and unappetizing. On the other hand, those photographed in *Friends* seem genuinely fun-loving, flirtatious at times, and always appropriately appreciative of their surroundings. The models really enjoy each other's company. The relaxed atmosphere transcends any appearance of posing, resulting in a series of charming moments captured in time (and I don't mean Kodak moments!).

Oh, for those seeking porno, look elsewhere. There's no "wild thing" here. And though nudity and touching abounds, there are neither erections nor moist parts, and no pictured penetration. One-handed enjoyment is possible (these are pretty bodies), but not compulsory.

Only time will tell, but Bianchi might have photographed himself into a corner with his mixture of male-male, female-female and female-male. Despite the beauty possible with freedom of artistic expression, some viewers don't want to look at gay men; others would rather not gaze at images of lesbians; and some heterophobes would rather not have a couple of photos of horny heterosexuals under their roof. (Silly me... I say if you don't want to look at a couple of pages, skip 'em. Use post-it notes if necessary.) A word to those who appreciate only certain "types": the preponderance of photos are of youthful hairless men tanned to perfection. So if you really don't like looking at this kind of frolicking-naked-gay-guy-thing, don't buy it.

Artistically, Bianchi uses the human form as both a pleasing prop to balance fascinating pictorial compositions as well as a central focus for portraits and mood studies. Broken into six sections, the first is titled "abstract moments." Here, the human body interacts with architectural geometric shapes. And some stark chiaroscuro makes for bold visuals. My favorite is a tightly huddled form strikingly contrasted against a brilliant white background with the top right corner offering a soft focus of four interacting bodies on a staircase. Sexy.

The other sections are "extraordinary friends" which features some shots of men and women together and even a transgender triptych; "portraits"; "splendid moves" which includes gymnastic triple-jointed antics by a pool, the beach or hot tub; the reverse voyeurism of "window light"; and the oddly-titled "romance" which includes frolicking by the seashore, playing about with a giant teddy bear and some feisty underwear ripping (ahhh, romance in the '90s).

The book jacket provides an insight into Bianchi's experience and intent: "Bianchi spent much of the last two years wandering throughout the United States and Mexico, inviting people along the way to join in the making of the pictures in this book. [*Extraordinary Friends* is] an attempt to make visible the human spirit as it flies free in the joy of nature and the pleasure of friendship."

And to a pleasant extent, he's accomplished this. However...

Proceeding page by page through this cornucopia of cuties, one's appreciation of the excellence of the photography may melt away to "Gee, I wish I looked like that. Or that. Or that." Actually every photo features a perfect physical specimen. Oh, the Tyranny of Beauty. Ninety-nine percent of the population is pathetically puny or odiously overweight in comparison to these gods and goddesses. We should pray for reincarnation, I guess. An interesting and perhaps more challenging future project would be for Bianchi to find the beauty (the "human spirit") in ordinary mortals. He's got the talent and technical know-how to do it. And I for one would love to see it.

Cleverly released in time for holiday gift giving, *Friends* would make a great token of affection to a gay friend or maybe a very liberal straight buddy (probably female). ✿

the leather chronicles

San Jose Leather Fest '93 (l-r): Hope Nechuta, Lacy Dittman, Rod Blair, Jeffery Tucker, Shan Carr and Graylin Thornton. Photo by St. Clair Adams.

Sensationalism: It Must Be Sweeps Week

by st clair adams

I recently wrote an article suggesting we police the sex clubs ourselves before the city acts. Some of the sex houses are not up to health and safety codes, but people continue to patronize them. We must show the city government that we can handle this problem ourselves. (Some clubs do work with the appropriate city departments to ensure they are within established guidelines.)

Last week, KTVU channel 2, ran a series of teasers of video footage take by a hidden camera at one of the local clubs. The expose finally aired on Saturday, Nov. 13, on the Fox network's

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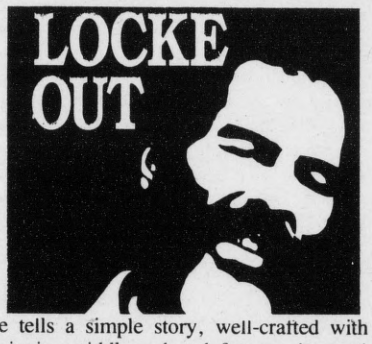
Locke Out: The Collected Writings of Richard Locke

by Richard Locke
FirstHand Books; 1993, $12.95

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly



Richard Locke can write? That's the response many people have when they hear of FirstHand Books' recent release titled *Locke Out: The Collected Writings of Richard Locke*. Locke originally became famous for his "larger-than-life" screen presence in porno films, especially when he starred as Hank the horny trucker in the extremely popular Joe Gage trilogy—*Kansas City Trucking Co.*, *El Paso Wrecking Co.* and *L.A. Tool & Die*. Ohhh, man! But perhaps I digress. Yes, in addition to being a hunka hunka burning love, yeah, Locke can write.

Locke Out is divided in two parts: The Stories and The Essays. Seven of each. Several were previously published in *Stallion*, *Advocate Men*, *Drummer*, *Friction*, *Manscapes*, *Guys* and *FirstHand* magazines. Since some of the stories were written pre-AIDS for sexually explicit venues, they include acts now deemed unsafe. A cautionary disclaimer precedes.

Illustrations are provided by Robert W. Richards. Simple and sexy, they precede each story, visually hinting at the fun to come. Most are renderings of naked men (some sporting anatomically excessive cocks, sigh) including Locke himself.

Never settling for penning simplistic man-fucks-poolboy stories, Locke comes up with some nice, sexy surprises. From the lusting male kings of ancient Sumer (*Gilgamesh*) to the wild, wild Westerners of the mid-1800s (*Cornfield* and *Tombstone*), he moves on to modern-day NYC (*The Ritual*, *Safe Deposit* and *Altar Piece*), and finally blasts off to the ultra-futuristic all-male space crew ("men who loved men enough to die for each other") in *Neutrino*.

Locke's fiction provides good one-handed entertainment (and actually even the non-fiction essays include some steamy hot passages). Each tale tells a simple story, well-crafted with a beginning-middle-end and features interesting characters, colorful locales and stimulating situations.

When Locke writes sexual passages, he obviously knows what he's doing. Celebrating sensible sex in *The Ritual*, the narrator is a red-hot ambitious bottom who's ready to please as he gets fucked by a "sheathed" cock:

> He shoved me forward just after I had reached under and grabbed my own cock. His plunges and my hand on my cock were hurtling me into the valley of orgasm. He shoved harder, and I fell to the mat. My face slid along the rough surface until my body was fully onto it, except for my ass which was pushed up into his cock. He shoved harder. I pushed back. I felt another inch of his cock come into me. He shoved again. I pushed again. Another half-inch. Jesus!

When Locke learned he had AIDS, he acquired a healthy appetite for masturbation. *Altar Piece* is set at the New York Jacks, what became for him a favorite sex hangout. He graphically describes a young blond "pig" boy who lies on his back on the Jacks' altar. Hot men encircle him, stroke themselves and eventually all shoot onto him. Locke manages to eroticize the safest of sex... masturbation (second in safety to abstinence, that is). His admiration and affinity for the Jacks is clear as he concludes with "Here were men who were of a like mind and who know what they like and they go for it. A structured club of loners who have come together."

Along with informative looks at his personal history, the Essays repeatedly focus on "sensible sex." But hardly a slave to abstinence or monogamy, Locke unequivocally states in *Sport Fucking*, "It's not what you do, where you do it, who you do it with. It's not when you do it, nor why you do it, it's how well you do it." And by "well" he means taking necessary precautions which are outlined clearly throughout *Locke Out*.

One shortcoming of *Locke Out* is that some pieces seem to be fragments of larger works that were never completed. *Gilgamesh* is an all-too-short fragment of the myth of Gilgamesh and Enkidu, two male lovers who were co-rulers of Sumer in the fourth millenium B.C. What story could provide more definitively a sense of history and pride?

Oh, for the presence of a strong editor. The same information is repeated in several articles, which can easily happen in a compilation of previously written materials. And some awkward sentences appear, also indicating the lack of a judicious overseer.

A reading of *Locke Out* will provide some glimpses of the author's fun and fascinating life. A complete biography would prove most interesting (especially if he names names). But sensationalism aside, Locke fills his writing with gay pride: "I have a fundamentalist background, and Jerry Falwell has said that AIDS is God plucking his weeds. I tend to think it's more God taking his most lovely blooms."

Locke Out concludes with some pretty somber sentiments from an outside observer:

> Several times in my life, I've felt I overstayed, because I've had to sit and watch my friends go one by one by one. In 1989, I got very sick because I let my mind go, and the will to die outweighed the will to live. I wanted to be with my friends. Luckily, I got out of it. I've always been a fighter, and the thing to do is fight, to have that will to live, to fight the disease.
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> My early porno film experiences included the Gage trilogy. I, along with many other men, panted at the sight of the hairy, bear-like Locke. His versatility was exceeded only by his animal charisma. Recently meeting him at a book signing on his home turf, the Russian River, was a real treat. And he still looks good. Maybe not quite as good as 20 years ago... BUT WHO DOES?! ✿

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"Front Page," during prime time family viewing. Very graphic images were shown with men walking around in underwear groping their crotches or on their knees servicing one another. The show did not admit the existence of heterosexual sex clubs at all. (In San Francisco straight sex clubs and swingers' parties far outnumber gay clubs.)

The show went on to quote AIDS statistics on gay men and stated the disease was on the rise because of the sex clubs. It did not mention anything about the AIDS statistics of heterosexuals nor the unfortunate fact that they represent the highest increase in cases. They went on to to take credit for the billions of dollars spent on education and the AIDS fight. They even took their sensationalism to the extreme by interviewing some of the nelliest queens they could find.

The program was very unfair to the gay community. It depicted the entire community as participants in the sex club scene. They also did not emphasize that the clubs promote safe sex practices. The specific club covered by Fox has a policy that before you can become a member you must learn the rules of safe sex and abide by them. (Just last week they kicked out two people for fucking without a condom.) At all of these places you can find literature and safe sex supplies for free. But not all of the clubs do a good job at cleanliness or monitoring, and that needs to be addressed. If they cannot enforce safe sex practices, they should be closed down.

The careless reporting of this program could add to the already overwhelming problem of violence and discrimination against gays and maybe even lesbians. It will also add to the heterosexual attitude that AIDS is a gay disease and that straights are somehow immune to it.

It's also apparent that they didn't learn anything ten years ago when they closed the bathhouses, leaving no place for people to go, so they took it into the streets and parks. The bad thing about that is puts it in the public's face and subjects those people to danger. I feel that it would be a crime to not take advantage of a captive group of these men and enforce and teach them safe sex activities.

I contacted the news department of KTVU and expressed my concerns before they aired the program, so they did not proceed unknowingly. I asked the producer to call me to for suggestions on how the program might be a little fairer to the gay community, including much of the information described above. I did not receive any callback or acknowledgement, and the show went on without any changes.

I urge you to write to the Fox Network in Los Angeles and KTVU, or call them with your concerns about running the news trailers and program. This type of abusive reporting has to be stopped. I find it repulsive that news organizations use this poor judgement when it comes to AIDS by making it sound like it is only a gay disease.

The fabulous Mr. Safe Sex Contest. Pictured l-r: Andy D'Ambruoso, Ted Downer and Sid Torres.

SYLVESTER LIVES

The people who arrived late missed the first part of a very entertaining evening. Leather Daddy Phillip Turner and his boy Greg Pennington produced the evening, assisted by Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93) and Deena Jones, to bring back precious memories of the late Sylvester. As the show progressed, the crowd grew to a good size and the energy got hotter. Cougar and Deena were singing with such enthusiasm I think that you could hear it at the Lone Star. These two have fabulous voices and should make a record. The outfits that Deena and Cougar wore were Sylvester's when he was making the circuit. Thanks again to John and Jerry of Megatone Records for sharing these special memories.

SAN JOSE LEATHER FEST

Quite a few people showed up to support Leather Masters first Southbay Leather Fest. The weekend started off with a Meat & Greet party at Renegades on Friday, Nov. 5. Saturday started with a workshop at the Water Gardens on "Safe Sex 101" and proceded to Greg's Ballroom for an auction and pre-judging for the Mr. San Jose Leather and Ms. Leather Masters. On Sunday, the contest portion of the event was held at FX. This location was perfect, because it was an old converted theater that had a hot sound system and a great staging area. Many of the contestants' fantasies were creative and very entertaining. The one that brought the house down was by Jeffery Tucker. His fantasy included having sex with a leather Mickey Mouse. Dave Rhodes (*Leather Journal*), Kelly Burlingham (Ms. SF Cheeks & Chaps '93), Alan Selby, Paul Maionchi (Mr. South Bay Leather '93), Derek Yeager (Southwest Drummer Boy '91), and Kat (publisher of *Spectator*) tallied their scores and turned the list of winners over to emcees Graylin Thornton (Int'l Mr. Drummer '94) and Shan Carr (Int'l Ms. Leather). Jeffery Tucker walked away with the title of Mr. San Jose Leather, and his was followed by his runner-up Rod Blair. For Ms. Leather Master, Hope Nechuta was victorious and Lacy Dittman came in runner-up. The best success this year to all of you. Another hand must be given to David Carranza for putting on an enjoyable event.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Friday, Nov. 12, David Magennis (SF Leather Daddy's Boy '93) and Greg Pennington put on a birthday party for Phillip Turner (SF Leather Daddy '93) at the Eagle. There were several games to play for a few bucks, like try to pin the dick on Daddy or guess his age. All of the money raised from these games, a 50/50 raffle, and the beer bust went to the AIDS Emergency Fund. Dickey Davis sang a few songs and everyone looked like they were having fun.

MR. SAFE SEX

The theme of this title has a very important message. It is important for all to remember that safe sex can be just as erotic, sensual and pleasurable as unsafe sex. Also safe sex comes with a peace of mind and has a much greater degree of intimacy than unsafe practices. David Lyle Carver is a very talented performer and does a great act of Bette Midler songs. Although David has many artists he can impersonate, he also has his own style as a male singer. If you haven't heard him yet, he is a must-see show. Lenny Broberg (IML '92) got into the action by auctioning off tickets to see the *Phantom of the Opera* and a few other things. He got into it so much that he ended up with cherry pie on his face. Good sport, Lenny, and much happiness with your new boyfriend. Three contestants answered questions, changed clothes a few times, and sold raffle tickets to score points. SF Supervisor Susan Leal, Paul O'Malley of the Health Dept., Tim Offutt from the AIDS Office, Mr. Marcus and Andy Anderson (Mr. Safe Sex '93) sat in judgement over the three very fine contestants. After all of the hilarious jokes by emcee Tom Ammiano, he announced Ted Downer as the winner. I have to say that Ted has the hottest set of buns, Wolf! The other contestants, Sid Torres and Andy D'Ambruoso, were well-spoken, and I hope that they will help Ted in spreading the safe sex message. The credit for this production goes to Josh Bottfeld. Josh has designated the AIDS benefits counselors, Stop AIDS and the AIDS Health Project as benefactors of the proceeds.

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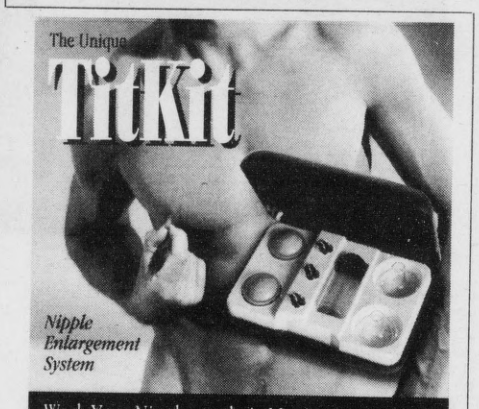

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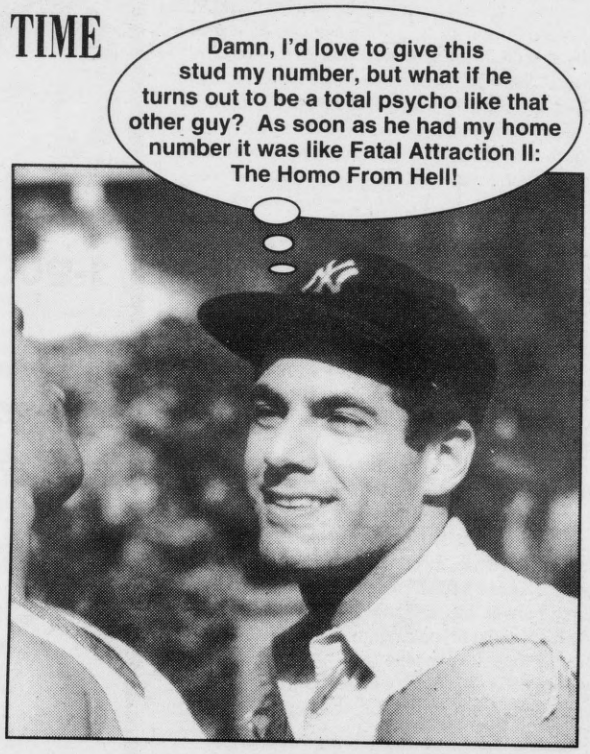
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Boy Does Bust: David Magennis (SF Leather Daddy's Boy '93) steps out to do his first solo fundraiser. He has planed a beer/soda bust at the Watering Hole on Nov. 19, from 8-11 pm. The proceeds will be donated to the AIDS Emergency Fund. Since this is his first adventure, let's show him a big support.

Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather '94: It's that time of year again. The Sacramento Leather Association is holding the Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather contest on Saturday, Nov. 20, with the doors opening at 8 pm. The contest is be held at the Garbeau's II Dinner Theatre located at 111 K St. in Old Sacramento. The Sacramento group is always filled with so much energy that I am sure you are guaranteed a good time.

Estate Sale: The estate of Robert Gothie has been donated to the AIDS Emergency Fund and is going up for sale Nov. 20-22. The sale will be held a 317 Castro St. from 9 am-4 pm. I have been told that they found a locked chest that had bunches of leather things.

The Goose is Loose: A post-Thanksgiving beer bust will be held at the Eagle on Friday, Nov. 26 at 8 pm. Joe Leroux (SF Dyke Daddy III) and Tina Carroll (Dyke Mommy I) are off to a quick start with their first event. There will be a goods & services auction and $6 will buy all the beer or soda you can drink. The proceeds will go to the Dyke Daddy/Dyke Mommy travel fund and the Lyon Martin Lesbians with HIV program. There are going to be fantasies and International Ms. Leather '92: Blair as Emcee. Hope to see you there.

IML '94: It has been brought to my attention that if you buy your ticket to the International Mr. Leather contest in Chicago early, you can save money. I have not received a formal press release on this, but was sent a letter by one of my readers. He said that if you buy before Dec. 31, your price will be $95 and after it will be $125. He included a hotline number if you are interested: (800) 545-6753. ✿

Briefs...

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were angry at a remark she made to the Baltimore *Gay Paper* about staying out of the condom war "simply because it remains such a sensitive and divisive issue with a lot of people." Who appointed this woman anyway?

• Ashley Herrin and Catherine Angiel, the *Newsweek* lesbian cover girls, have created Gallery Eclectic, an "out" jewelry store for the gay and lesbian community. It's at 43 Greenwich Ave. in New York City.

• The woman who gave up her child and now wants to adopt him away from the gay foster parents who may get him has won a temporary victory—Whatcom County (Washington) Superior Court Judge Steve Mura is allowing her to keep the child in her home until a postplacement report is filed. The boy stays with the woman—Megan Lucas— and her husband until Dec. 12. The judge also wants a post-placement report on the gay couple. An assistant state attorney says the case is a legal "muddle."

• Counselors in Seattle are saying that some men and women might actually infect themselves with AIDS rather than continue to survive after a loved one is gone. No stats are available on how many do this through unsafe sex or sharing needles.

• Meanwhile, staffers at a University of Washington infertility clinic in Seattle are debating whether it is right to help single women or lesbians become pregnant artificially. Seven of the 25 staff members object, which creates a problem in scheduling in-vitro procedures. An ethics committee has been formed to advise the clinic. Stay tuned.

• In a compromise move, gay veterans marched in Denver's Veterans Day Parade without their banner. They did, however, carry a rainbow flag and armbands with pink triangles.

• New York School Chancellor Ramon Cortines (who has stated that his own sexual orientation is "personal") is suggesting that he might remove sexual orientation from the curriculum that teaches tolerance to students. He says, "I don't believe that lifestyle should be taught."

• Mayor Sidney Barthelemy of New Orleans has nixed domestic partners benefits for city employees—he vetoed legislation allowing such benefits, saying the price tag was too high.

• In Houston, Texas, gay supporters of Gene Harrington, who unsuccessfully ran against incumbent City Councilmember Al Calloway, are asking the U.S. Justice Department to look into charges of harassment against gay campaign workers by Calloway's people. This year, after redistricting, the heavily gay Montrose District is now part of Calloway's district.

• Colorado Springs, Colorado's Chris Baka of SHIT (Savage Homos Into Truth) is promising more disruptions like the one in which he threw condoms into a church congregation during a service. But many more mainstream gay and lesbian leaders in that state are viewing Baka's actions are counter-productive to their cause.

• In Indianola, Iowa, a reference book on homosexuality will remain on the shelves of the local library, despite a complaint from—what else—a Christian man. Same old story.

• Speaking of which, a Hartford, Conn., group of ministers wants the city to repeal its domestic partners law. "It is sending the wrong message to our children," says Rev. James L. Fenner of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

• No surprise here: Delegates to the Baptist General Association of Virginia's annual meeting approved a statement condemning homosexuality and nixing the ordination of queers to leadership positions in their denomination. But the Rev. Charles Fuller of Roanoke's First Baptist Church says the statement leaves room for "compassion" for those sinful homos.

• Macon, Ga., Councilmember W. M. Dickey is pushing a resolution calling for a policy regarding the funding of immoral groups. Guess who's on that list of groups? According to Big Dickey, "It's immoral, and it's having an effect on our society that is derogatory."

• The Oklahoma City Human Rights Commission has approved a gay rights law, but it must now be passed by the local City Council.

• An Apple Computers bid for a tax break in Round Rock, Texas, is being opposed by two Williamson County commissioners because the company offers domestic partners benefits to its employees. Apple wants to build an $80 million, 700-employee plant. The mayor of Round Rock is lobbying in favor of Apple's tax break.

• Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts will now offer medical benefits to the partners of its unmarried employees. The policy goes into effect Jan. 1.

• In Austin, ministers are mobilizing against the city's domestic partners law. Concerned Texans, Inc. is signing up names on petitions to let the voters decide in May whether queers should have the same rights as hets.

• History Repeats Itself Dept: The Arkansas Gay and Lesbian Task Force is hoping to launch another battle to repeal the state's sodomy laws, and increase activism at the same time. President Bill Clinton, while attorney general of Arkansas, did nothing to help previous efforts to eliminate the archaic laws, though last year during the campaign he swore he did what he could. The decision comes after a recent task force conference in Little Rock.

• Fundies in Missouri are trying to make their state the second to pass a statewide anti-gay-rights law like the one in Colorado. The proposed measure could make it onto the ballot next November. Meanwhile, fundies in Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Michigan and Oregon are also organizing for state anti-gay-rights laws. ✿

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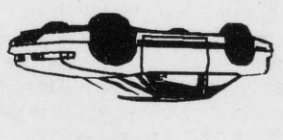

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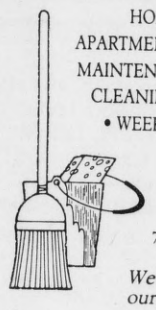
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Kiss Your Animals?
Me too. My pets bring me great joy and mirror the strong, healthy, loving part of me. Classical musician seeks friends and possibly that special companion who knows what she wants from life, including a life partner. I'm intelligent, enthusiastic and funny, with many varied interests. Not looking for a clone as difference keeps me growing and alive. Kindness, generosity of spirit and wit are traits I must share. Biggest confession: 2 years recovered from an eating addiction and in therapy and getting fit. Size or changephobic? Phone another ad. Call ★★2032.

Really New At This
Feel 33, look 35, driver's license says 39. BiWF just getting out. Seeks friendships, maybe more—depends, w/30s gay/bi femmes? feminine? centered? types. (Anyone out there have a dictionary?) I am: assertive, professional, eclectic reader, good sense of humor (after I get comfortable). Varied interests: 49ers to photography and many things between & outside—but not really the athletic type. As comfortable in silk/suits/pumps as jeans. Mainstream, seeking same, 5'4", shoulder length brn hair, attractive, blue eyes, honest, straightforward, 10 petite—but I could lose 10 lbs. Maybe if I get out a little more I might just do that. This ad per word costs a zillion. Since I'm already here, even if you do not feel you are appropriate respondent, feel free to cast your vote as to category most appropriate to ID myself in the unlikely event I ever do this again—could save me a fortune. Poll results announced in December issue. If it sounds like a fit or you have a vote—give a call. Call ★★2033.

Honesty, Integrity & Warmth
Are a few of the qualities I aspire to and look for in others. Intelligence and a sense of humor and adventure are also appreciated. My interests include dancing, music, sports, movies and traveling. Please call if you'd like to share some of these activities, or have others to suggest. Let's start as friends and see what develops. I'm 35, Black, NS, no drugs. Call ★★2034.

Andro Kiki
Seeks company of 30ish/40ish andro-butch or andro-femme women for fun times. LTR possible. Must be very sensual, emotionally soft, in touch with their more subtle energy. I am slightly overweight, with a very shapely body, large beautiful bustline, hedonistic, (slightly conservative), NS/ND, enjoy homelife, music (like jazz and blues clubs), some favorites: L. Nyro, Judy Collins, Etta James, Charlie Musselwhite. Like occasional gambling (poker, blackjack). Hobbies: auto repair, massage, cooking (ethnic, etc.). Call ★★2035.

Dearest M.
Happy 2 month anniversary. I'm so happy to be with you. My heart raced for you from the first message you left on my voicemail box 4 months ago. I am lucky—and blessed—that I'm ready for you, that you're ready for me. Standing on a mountaintop telling the world: you take my breath away. In love, passion and hope —your lover. Call ★★2036.

Biologically
Depressed dyke poet desires discourse & dates with other dykes. NS, ND, NA. Bright, creative lesbians encouraged to respond. I'm 51, tall, large, blnd/blue, funny, spiritual. I tend to be reclusive due to lack of opportunity. Call & help me change my life. You be 35 to ? (no upper limit), avg. height or taller, fat-positive, therapied, know yourself. Reply BT Box NV1B or call ★★2037.

Interested In Dating?
Single, Black, adventurous, 41 years young, butch, seeking to meet women for evening and weekend hangouts. We can do movies, dinners, concerts, etc., or we can just be mellow walking along a beach, or taking a long drive somewhere. I may be reserved at first, but I can warm up fast if the chemistry is right. You: be feminine, attitude- and addiction-free, well-groomed, friendship-/relationship-oriented, and have a sound mind and body. Call ★★2038.

Rhonda Fleming, Marie Windsor, Where Are U?
If those names sound familiar to you, you're my kinda gal. Love old B movies, old tunes, corny jokes, long telephone conversations, popcorn, chocolate, strong coffee, woman with sense of humor, yes, yes, a must. Me: no drink, no smoke (anymore), into writing about my adventures on planet & interesting people I have met. I've had hot lust & heavy breathing, am ready for easygoing buddy(s), lotsa laughs, (over 45 to infinity). Please no heavy baggage or boring goddess/save the whales/bleating, separatist rhetoric. So much more to say, so call. OK? Reply BT Box NV2B or call ★★2039.

Mellow, Loving And Friendship
Friends are important to me, so if you're looking for friendship, fun, relaxing on a beach or under the covers (not sex), just enjoying each other, I'm here for you. I love walks, talks and cuddling. I enjoy women of all colors and sizes, women over 35, but right now I would love to meet Native American Indian women. Come, let's try friendship out together. I'm here! Call ★★2040.

We're Smitten
It's serious. We met through these classifieds several months ago. If you're thinking about it—go for it. Take a chance. Good luck. Girls in love. Call ★★2041.

What's Happening, You Sexy Ladies?
It is so hard for me to meet you. I'm a nice-looking, crazy type of lady, very strong, giving and hard worker. I'm looking for WFs, 35 and up; no drugs/drinking (I've been through all that); smoking cool. Looking for friendship and fun. Write me: PO Box 1666, Martinez 94553. Don't be shy—be you. Send a flick if you can; I have no voicemail.

Looking For:
Beautiful women, ages 26-40, for dates and possible LTR. Must be: attractive, in-shape, cool, eclectic, sexual, smart, funny, a dancer, a good communicator, a music lover. I am a 30 y.o., brown-eyed/haired, eclectic, cool, professional who loves: to keep in shape, to dance, sex, cuddling, talking, travel, dining out, movies. I am new to SF and looking to meet new women outside of the bar scene. Call ★★2042.

Green Legs And Spam
Visual, assertive, passionate, therapied, emotional, empathetic, analytical, enthusiastic, blue-eyed, slender, sorta blond seeks engaging, literate, compassionate, good-looking lesbian with curiosity, angst and joie de vivre for friendship, hopefully more. 34ish to 44ish, ND, NS, good wine yes! Pet-positive please. Reply BT Box NV3B or call ★★2043.

Concord/Walnut Creek
Aren't there any single, attractive lesbians in Concord? I am a SWF, attractive, 5'8", 125 lbs., 24 years old, dark hair and dark eyes. I have 1 child. Looking for a friend, possible relationship. Let's get together and see what happens. Reply BT Box NV4B.

You Won't Be Sorry
SWF, andro-butch, 27, short, curvy, commitment oriented dyke seems same for LTR. Cigarettes, pool, Long Island ice teas, dancing, the Cafe, movies, comedy, plays, cuddling at home, eating Thai and talking about everything. Attracted to other butch-andro dykes, esp. Asian and Latina. SF resident preferred. Music from KOIT to KALX. Please, women near my age and size (younger okay). No S/M/BD or strict sex roles! Call ★★2044.

How Can I Refuse
This free ad? I'm ready to meet new friends, perhaps even someone special. Me: professional, 46, 5'7", slender, andro-femme; lover of cats, CW dancing, running, hiking, biking, horseback riding, scuba diving, movies, ballet, art, fine wine. You: like me, live in SF (or nearby), are nonsmoking and value honesty, physical fitness and a sense of humor. Sound good? Then call or write... Reply BT Box NV5B or call ★★2045.

I Want To...
But I haven't yet! This 25, GLF, is looking for someone to teach her what to do. Into light S/M and bondage, too. I'll be good or bad if you want me to. Call ★★2046.

If You Want Something You've Never Had...
You must do something you've never done. C'mon, pick up the phone! You'll find a kind, compassionate, spiritual, loving, attractive lover of life. Let's share the beautiful wonder of living. Laughter, fun, sensuality are just around the corner. Love outdoors, dancing, family values, travel, romance, the smell of puppies and the laughter of a child. Romance is an enjoyable risk... take it! Call ★★2047.

Bites The One She Loves
We're looking for a nice bad girl to introduce to our "daughter." She's a bad girl, loud, funny, wacky, loving, serious, hot, 5'4", 24 yrs. old, Italian, blue-eyed dyke who deserves honesty, sweetness and respect. She's looking for a silly punk girl, age 20-30, into anything from disco to Lunachicks, motorcycles, tattoos, slam dancing, Virgen de Guadalupe. No attitude. Call ★★2048.

Holiday Teddy Bear
Resisting hibernation wants to indulge in festive season shenanigans. I'm tall, fair, soft butch, slender, sweet, creative and a bit wild. I'd like to find a teddy that is femme, sensual, smart, basically sober, nasty mind, romantic and ready to romp. I like the woods, hot tubs, romance and adventure. What makes you growl? Cubs 25-40 welcome to call or write. Grizzlies of any age not. Reply BT Box NV6B or call ★★2049.

A Crush On The Boss
Our boss is a great find: a self-made success story, honest, bright, funny, generous, caring, sensitive and loyal. She loves music, travel, Marin, Barbra Streisand, friends, dinners out, Stinson Beach, and conversation. We want to find her a date for the holidays. Are you available? Are you over 40, spontaneous, fun, independent, modest, monogamous, down-to-earth? Can you accessorize? If you have the qualifications, please call ★★2050.

"Romance And Fun"
I'm a professional, attractive and femme 30 y.o. GWF seeking same (30-40). Do you love "fur children," lots of romance and passion as well as fun and spontaneity? Good communication skills, affection and sense of humor a must. Call ★★2051.

Interesting Types
Sought as new friends. Recently single WF, 28, looking to broaden my social circle. I enjoy alternative rock, sports, comedy, travel, dogs, good conversation & flying (I'm a pilot). I'm fun-loving, bright and tolerant. If you have any of these interests or have your own to share, let's meet. Reply BT Box NV7B or call ★★2052.

Attractive Blond With Wonderful Smile
And gorgeous, well-mannered black Labrador on the grassy knoll at the Mills College butch-femme tournament on Saturday, Oct. 30. I sat next to you and watched you talk with your friends. If you are interested, would like to find a way to communicate. If not, at least I had this chance to tell you, you have a beautiful smile. Please write. Reply BT Box NV8B.

My Persistent Desire
Is to find a NS butch with a sense and style and personal power who brings laughter to the lips of others and is ready to open up her heart. I am an attractive, 34-yr-old Jewish East Bay femme who feels passionate about the world around me. My friends, work, dog and home bring much to my life and I'm ready for even more. Interested? Then call ★★2053.

Autumn Delight
I am looking for someone with whom I can enjoy the delights of autumn. I am 40, cute, petite, professional, physical (use your imagination) and intellectual. I like sports, the arts, hiking, reading, good conversation & ethnic food. I am looking for

Dykes To Watch Out For

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LOIS, HAVEN'T YOU EVER BEEN ATTRACTED TO A PERSON AND NOT ACTED ON IT?
NO. ALTHOUGH I HAVE ACTED ON IT WITH PEOPLE I WASN'T PARTICULARLY ATTRACTED TO.
HOW NICE FOR YOU. LISTEN, MAXINE AND I ARE COMMITTED TO A MONOGAMOUS RELATIONSHIP, BUT WE'VE AGREED IT'S HEALTHY TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR FEELINGS FOR OTHER WOMEN.
SO WHY NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THEM ALL THE WAY? ISN'T THAT EVEN HEALTHIER? MO HASN'T GOTTEN ANY IN OVER A YEAR! IMAGINE HOW HOT SHE'D BE!
COULD YOU PLEASE KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN? IT WAS YOUR BIG MOUTH THAT STARTED THIS WHOLE THING IN THE FIRST PLACE!
UH, THEA.. SOMEONE NEEDS INFORMATION ABOUT A COMPACT DISC.
OVER A YEAR!
OKAY. THANKS, MO.
LOIS, DID YOU FEEL THAT? COULD YOU SENSE THE ELECTRICITY BETWEEN US? I CAN'T STAND IT!
SO JUMP HER.
I CAN'T! SHE'S IN A RELATIONSHIP! SHE SAYS NOTHING CAN HAPPEN BETWEEN US!
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAYS. BUT IS IT WHAT SHE WANTS?
OH, SMOOTH, LOIS. YOU SOUND LIKE YOU WENT TO THE BOB PACKWOOD SCHOOL OF CHARM.
I CAN MANAGE WITHOUT YOUR HELP, THANKS!
WHAT'S UP, JEZ?
DID YOU READ ABOUT THIS NEW BUNNS AND NOODLE SUPERSTORE OPENING OUT AT THE MALL? THEY'LL HAVE 150,000 TITLES, NEWSPAPERS IN THIRTEEN LANGUAGES, AND A DAMN CAPPUCCINO BAR! I'M AFRAID WE'RE GONNA LOSE SALES.
HUH. WELL, MAYBE THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME TO EXPAND OUR INVENTORY OF THINGS WE KNOW THE SUPERSTORE WON'T CARRY, LIKE QUEER ZINES, PORN MAGAZINES, EROTIC VIDEOS, MAYBE A TASTEFUL SELECTION OF SEX TOYS...
OR NOT.
WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THE SHELVES, WHY DON'T YOU WHIP US ALL UP SOME CAPPUCCINO.

someone to complement my interests & introduce me to new activities. Please be honest, able to communicate, working on self-knowledge, able to laugh, nonsmoker & socially aware. Call ★★2054.

To My Big Teddy Bear

This is a note to my super snugglies: Thank you for being there for me when I have needed you most. I hope all this is only the beginning of something lasting and something as special as you are, snugglies. You are always in my thoughts. And don't forget, too: You are the sexiest woman I have ever known. I love you, I love you, I love you. —by your Little Teddy Bear.

Why Not?

Professional 45-year-old white female seeking a 40-50-year-old soft butch for a possible lifelong commitment... or friendship. Someone who finds pleasure in the simple things in life, like strolls along the beach, snuggling in front of a fireplace to watch a good movie, bike rides, dining out and dancing. A real plus if you can also kayak. Someone who is strong enough to lead, yet will not be intimidated if she has to follow. I'm looking for a sensitive, caring woman who believes in monogamous relationships and does not play games. Must be alcohol-, tobacco- and drug-free. All calls will be answered. Call ★★2055.

Ah, Sweet Mysteries Of Life

I'm 40s, professional, enjoy a variety of activities such as tennis, movies, reading, dining out, weekend trips, skiing, and am open to others as well. I'm looking for a committed relationship with a woman who has a sense of humor, is warm and loving, personally and career-wise together, well-educated, and enjoys some of the same things I do. Please NS and be reasonably fit and health-conscious. Call ★★2056.

This Ad Is For You

Lover or a friend. Adventurous in spirit, enjoy indoors and outdoors, camping, flea markets; very compassionate, androgynous or femme looks, non-butch. Monogamy, affectionate, not afraid of being close to someone; late-20s and 30s, no games, nights at home by candlelight or fireplace, fine champagne or a cold beer; playful yet intense; no S/M. Giving is a must, so is receiving, flexible. Hate moodiness. Where are you? I'm here, a shy Asian in her 30s, stable. Caring for someone is my number 1. Co-parenting necessary. Asian or Latina. Reply BT Box NV9B or call ★★2057.

Becoming Community

Semi-out. Leo, 36, professional. Looking for relationships. Enjoy cultural delights & diversity of SF and surroundings. Entertainment: unique arts, dancing, music, street fairs, great biking outings, beach, movies, etc. I'm athletic (not jock), creative, attracted to the unusual yet balanced. Far Side humor. Interesting ideas & conversation a must. Healthy active minds & bodies need respond. N/S, D. N/male-bashers. Call ★★2058.

Daddy Wanted

By attractive femmette. Discipline me if I'm bad; pet me when I'm good. I'm looking for an attractive butch who appreciates & knows how to treat a femme & in return I can be a very good girl. I'm 30 y.o., with dark hair & eyes. I'm waiting to hear from you—call ★★2059.

Feminine To Feminine

Featuring the best catch in SF. If you are feminine (non-butch, non-androgynous, non-short hair, non-spank me in a swinging sling, thank you, non-not sure if you fit), if you wear make-up, prefer camping at the Hyatt and are 30s to 40s, then please read on. In addition to being selective, I am a very sensitive, kind, caring, intelligent, fun, professional, sexy, loyal, loving, passionate, smart, adventurous, strong, silly, down-to-earth, compassionate, supportive friend/lover. I am feminine, attractive, available and looking... Reply BT Box NV10B or call ★★2060.

Where Are You?

The day has come to be brave. I have put off writing this ad for a long time. I'm a 45 y.o. professional seeking a lifelong companion... or a good friend. I'm looking for someone who can take pleasure in the simple things of life... a walk along the beach, long candlelight dinners, bike riding, and maybe even kayaking. I'm interested in a soft butch who does not have to prove herself constantly, a woman who is not afraid to lead or follow. Someone between the ages of 40-50 who is caring and gentle, but strong and secure. I'm 5'5" with brown hair and brown eyes, 140 lbs. No drugs, alcohol or tobacco smokers please. But most of all, no games. I promise to answer all calls. Call ★★2061.

New York City?—Get A Rope.

Clit, slit, tit. Lick, probe, rub. You've still got the right one, bubbalah, uh-huh. Happy birthday, ya beast. Love, Nester.

Wanted: Live-In Butch Top

Position available starting December 12. I have sling & numerous toys. Must have firm grasp on reality & be able to hang mirrors. Must appreciate high femme fashions & not bore me with technical butch talk. May double as my morning lover but must provide own maid. Help me cultivate joy. Position ends June with return of my slut. PO Box 135, Graton 95444 or call ★★2062.

Cute Femmey Lesbians

Where are you? Do you like butchy types with dark, good looks, half-buzzed hair, and fiery (Aries) personalities? This one's currently available. I love independent, intelligent womyn who are passionate, politically aware, and artistic. Please be "recovering," open to intimacy, good sex and possible LTR. Engage my mind with your intellect, grab my heart with your charm. Grab other things later if appropriate. Prefer 26-38-yr-olds, under 5'7", in the East Bay. No drugs, bisexuals or S/M. I especially encourage ethnic womyn for whom food and community are important. A sense of humor and a love of lesbian life are a plus. So call me! Life's too short not to ask for (and get) what you really want. Reply BT Box NV11B or call ★★2063.

Position Available

Not licked yet in the game of love. Attractive, 40ish professional, adequately therapized and purged of past relationships, looking for a match. You must lead with humor and heart, follow with spirit and a passion for food, snow, writing (mine, yours and theirs), outdoors, kids, travel, friends, roots, coffee, fall, the sensual pleasures and a high schmooze factor. Please write or call, I'll definitely respond. Reply BT Box NV12B or call ★★2064.

Sex, Politics, Religion

Guess which two I find boring to discuss? Actually my religious background gave sex a bad name too, so I'm pretty shy until I find that special someone to share a relationship with. Until then new friends and fun times dancing, hiking, sports, comedy, street fairs, exploring sound good to me. I'm low 40s, look, act and feel mid-30s, NS, honest, professional, funny, sincere and worth your call. Call ★★2065.

Spirited And Special

That is who you are. You are ready for a friend and lover who is: emotionally healthy, honest and available; over 40; 5'10"; affectionate and adventurous. Our favorite pastimes include: listening to jazz (KJAZ & KBLX), reading, home renovation, gardening, shopping Costco/Home Depot and weekend car trips. Call soon so we can begin sharing the music, the sun and anything else we can imagine! Call ★★2066.

I'm Frequently Out

Enjoying films, theater, dance, music (jazz, blues, symphony), museums, comedy, readings, restaurants, etc., but I'm not too stuffy to enjoy ball games, gambling, children's books, beaches, or flying a kite. I want to share this and more with a romantic, enthusiastic companion/lover, 38+, who makes time to play, time to feel, time to talk, and who is not afraid of intimacy, sexual adventure, nor commitment to the right woman. I'm a very caring, intelligent, fun-loving professional (psychologist), 40s, Jewish, femme, plump, attractive, with much to give. I'm attracted to NS, psychology-minded, sensual, sexually assertive women, who can cry, laugh and communicate feelings with ease. Call ★★2067.

Scientific Poll Yields Promising Results

My dog thinks I'm perfect. My last partner thought so sometimes. I think I'm somewhere in between. Strengths include honesty, humor, normal ht/wt, looks, emotional/mental stability, nonsmoker, well-educated, athletic. Into fun events often outdoors/active. Love dancing, exploring and hanging out (city, ocean, wine country). Single for the last year, I believe in long-term commitments, but hoping for friends, dates from this process. Mid-30s to late-40s please. Call ★★2068.

I Smoke

GWF, 45 y.o., 5'3", blue-eyed butch seeks woman to date, maybe more. I'm affectionate, straightforward and supportive. I like movies, TV, being outdoors, Reno, flea markets. You are warm, sincere and open to sharing life in a monogamous relationship. I don't go to the bars or do drugs. All letters answered. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 426577, SF 94142.

Return Of The Dateless Wonder

I'm really through with joking with my friends about never going out on dates. It is not funny anymore. I'm now 33, still androgynous and into enjoying this wonderful city we call home. I'm still very content with my life and the many escapades it includes, yet sometimes to just nudge someone and say, "Isn't this great," would make it all more enjoyable. Call ★★2069.

Mid-Week Romancing!

And not by choice. I work weekends and seek another quality woman (soulmate) with a similar schedule. I'm a GAF, 41, who otherwise leads a balanced lifestyle. I am athletic, a great cook, lover of the outdoors, a romantic, spontaneous, strong yet flexible. I believe chemistry initiates a relationship but honesty, trust, compassion, humor, and good communication sustains the relationship. Please be healthy, ND, NS, 35+ yrs., preferably in East Bay. Call ★★2070.

Passionate Music Lover

Melissa Etheridge, Indigo Girls, Shawn Colvin, Led Zeppelin, R.E.M., Muddy Waters, Chopin... 24, slim, 5'4", very romantic, affectionate, serious, sincere guitar-playing SWF wants to share music and romance with another monogamous single woman. I also love cats, poetry, walking, ice cream, quiet, independent films, kissing and assertive, warm women. I'm tired of bars and shallow encounters. If you are too and know what you want, let's talk! Call ★★2071.

Larger Than Life

I'm a big beautiful woman, mid-40s, with big ideas, a big mouth, a big crazy career and big desires. You could be a big butch—or even slightly, but please be terminally cool (whatever your age or race), tall, nonsmoking, intelligent, funny and ready to play for a night or a lifetime. Call ★★2072.

A Limerick For You!

There once was a woman real fun/ With a relationship long ago finished and done/ She was looking to meet/ A new girlfriend so sweet/ With eyes laughing and bright as the sun.... My life is full, friend-filled and stable, but I really miss having someone to share it with! I'm 25, Jewish, vegetarian, with interests ranging from international travel to softball to children's books. If you are "happy-oriented," hopeful, kind-hearted, genuine and emotionally available, then your age, race and location (within the Bay Area) should not deter you from responding. I'd love to talk/meet and see what happens! Call ★★2073.

Draft #147

I think I've got it now—the simpler the better. No flowery, mushy prose. No kinky inuendo. Just the facts: 37 y.o., 5'3-1/8", 120# dressed; near-femme, soft-butch (follow?); humorous, honest, communicative; ex-New Yorker, still Jewish. Ready for LTR. Looking for feminine woman of similar size (±3%) to share the "usual." Extra points if you like to browse through hardware stores. No smokers, addicts, big bad butches. SF or N. Peninsula preferred. Call ★★2074.

Experience Is Everything

SF femme, 34, with no time or patience for baby dykes seeks the company of sensuous older women, 35-50. I appreciate and admire women of the world, particularly those with salt and pepper hair. A femme demeanor (and sexually aggressive streak) would be icing on the cake. No smokers or drugs. I'm discreet, safe and fun. Curious? Call ★★2075.

SHARED INTEREST

Please Note

The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Women Runners And Walkers

Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in-between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Call ★★2145.

Oakland Brunch Bunch

Hear ye all dykes/lesbians that live in Oakland and can get to the Lake Merritt/Chinatown area! I just moved from D.C. and would like to get together with my neighbors. How about Sunday pot luck brunches? This is—or will be—a multicultural, non-ageist event(s). Let's start a tradition! Call me—I am an organizer! Do it now. Call ★★2146.

Mixed Heritage People!

I'm looking to met other mixed heritage people who are proud of not fitting into just one ethnic box, and are tired of other people telling them how and what to call themselves. Let's bring our multi-cultural selves out of the mono-ethnic closet and onto the dance floor, the coffeehouses and around our kitchen tables for some laughs, support and friendships. Reply BT Box NV600B or call ★★2147.

Newborn

My adopted son is 5 weeks old. We would love to meet other single families, gay or straight, for socializing and support. I am 41, Jewish, and a professional. My son is wonderful. We live in Marin. Call ★★2148.

Dykes & Their Dogs—East Bay

Just another option (opportunity) for dykes to get together maybe once a month (maybe more), at the Berkeley Marina. For singles, couples, everyone! Other ideas for places to meet in East Bay? Things to do w/the dogs? Call me. I'm trying to see who's interested at this point. Reply BT Box NV601B or call ★★2149.

Skatergirls

We rollerskate in the park on Sunday, at a roller rink on Wednesday (queer night), and at other times depending on our whims. We're looking for more women to skate with. All skill levels welcome, and also any type of skates—quads, in-lines, shopping cart wheels that you've sewn on your socks... If you're interested... Reply BT Box NV602B or call ★★2150.

Exchange Massage

CMT wishes to exchange with sincere slim to med. built GM. You need not be certified only sincere and experienced in nurturing the spirit as well as the body. This is not a sex ad. As a massage therapist for the critically ill I am in need of a deep, caring touch to help me keep centered. Massage, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call ★★2151.

Non-Immigrant Aliens

In love with a U.S. citizen? Or just the U.S.? Suffering from I.N.S.phobia? I certainly am. I'd like to connect with others who are grappling with immigration issues to share information and provide support. Call ★★2152.

Budding Jock

GWM, 42, works nights, seeks life-positive pals to road/trail bike, swim, water ski, scuba, hike, city-walk, weightlift, cook, eat out, travel, explore and learn in the mornings and early afternoons and all day Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Live in Diamond Heights in SF. Tastes: eclectic. Goals: fun and adventure. Let's push our envelopes together. Age, race, sex not important, intelligence and zest for living are. Call ★★2153.

How Big Is Your Christmas Tree?

Do you love Christmas and tend to get carried away in December? Would you like to meet other Christmas addicts? If so call & leave a message! Age, sex, race and dick size not important. Call ★★2154.

2 Women Singers Needed

(Mezzo-soprano range) to complete our cast of 5 men and 4 women for gay/lesbian version of "Is There Life After High School." Rehearsals begin asap for free January/February performances at hospitals and AIDS residential communities. No pay, a little glory, and a great chance to use your talents to serve the community. For details, call ★★2155.

Tony Robbins Devotees

New fan wishes to make contact with other similar-minded individuals for exchange of ideas and experiences. Would love to hear from you! Call ★★2156.

Circumcision, No!

Discussion and support group meets monthly (first Sunday, 4 pm) for those with concerns about how American social custom of infant male genital mutilation violates human rights and harms children and the men they become. PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call ★★2157.

Weight-Reduction Group Starting

GM interested in support while losing weight. Weekly meetings—share recipes, exercise and nutrition tips. No 12-step or higher power. Just advocacy for becoming more healthy and fit. Reply BT Box NV603B or call ★★2158.

Basketball And Women

A great combination. And it happens every Sunday, 10 am, Corona Heights Park, States Street off Castro. Pick-up game, various skill levels, attitude and talkin' trash discouraged. Good shooting, short women and sense of humor encouraged. City Rec League team now forming. New players and coach for C league needed. For info on all call ★★2159.

TRANS

Female Wannabe

Would like to meet other cross-dressers and interested women to be friends with. I'd like a friend to attend local functions with, dress up with, shop and girl talk. Love satin, lingerie, cute dresses and fluffy wigs. I also have an interest in diapers and plastic panties. Please respond, P. is lonely. Box 889, Brisbane, CA 94005 or call ★★2135.

Dominant TS Wanted

Straight, clean, masculine, white male, 48, looking for dominant TS. Teach me how to suck cock and cum on my face. Seeking bondage, humiliation & cock and ball torment. Anything but heavy pain. Use me as naked house servant and possible group scene. PO Box 31249, SF 94131 or call ★★2136.

I'd Like To Find A Good TV

To share my life and love. I am straight-acting in Santa Rosa, come and have fun with me. Yo busco una persona transvestible para compartir sexo. Soy muy carinoso. Si te vistes feminino porque te sientes ser mujer, y queres compartir tu vida con un hombre, yo te estoy esperande. Tengo buenos intenciones. Reply BT Box NV400B or call ★★2137.

Hot, Very Masculine

WM, 40s, 6', 185#, straight-appearing & very masculine, attracted to feminine, passable TVs/TSs—implants preferred. Will treat you like a lady. LTR possible. 601 Van Ness, #E3219, SF 94102 or call ★★2138.

Pretty Feminine Transgender

Asian or white, sought by gentle masculine BiAM top, attractive, professional, 36 (look 28), 5'10", 170. I'm discreet, educated, HIV-, not much into scenes, not anxious, and looking for friendship first. I enjoy good food, conversation, reading, music, simple and elegant design, perfumed shoulders, spaghetti straps, massage, warm companionship, and evenings at home. Prefer someone 32 or younger, intelligent, smooth, petite, slender and perhaps on the shy side. Closeted welcome. Reply BT Box NV401B or call ★★2139.

MESSAGES

M. From San Francisco

You're tall and like the outdoors. You answered my ad "Looking for Mr. Pretty Good" in October, but your phone number wasn't clear. Please call again. Call ★★2175.

18th Street, 10/31/93, Late AM

T.—I was helping a friend move. You walked by twice. We said hello, and second time you stopped to talk. We introduced ourselves, talked, but I walked away too soon (dumb). I liked you—please call. K. Call ★★2176.

Saturday, 10/23, Different Light Bookstore

You: Fremont man, dark, glasses, short, muscular legs. Me: slender, brown beard, from Chicago. You showed me unforgettable "Coming Out" card. Let's make long-distance connection. I visit Bay Area often. Would enjoy getting to know you by telephone first, in the flesh later. Call ★★2177.

Bicycle On BART!

Richmond train, Tuesday, 11/9/93, 10:30 am. You: red hair, gray sweats, bluish T-shirt, trek multi-track. Me: black shirt, blue jeans, green mt. bike. I asked you about off-road riding on your bike. We both got off at Ashby. Wanna go for a ride or something? Call ★★2178.

MEN

Redwood City J/O Buddy(ies)

I'm seeking gay or bisexual male(s) who, like myself, reside in Redwood City. I'm tired of having to go to San Francisco (or for that matter other cities) to satisfy my sexual needs. There must be other gay or bisexual male(s) that reside in my city that need or want a J/O partner. I want to get together with you over your place on the weekends to satisfy both our sexual needs. So, if you're like me, over 21, HIV-, and again a resident of Redwood City, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064 for more information.

Fit, Romantic And 65

Mature WASP still looking for Mr. Right. I'm 5'10", 175 lbs., silver hair, blue eyes, smooth body, medium build (in every sense) and looking for the same—romantic, average guy w/ above avg. sensibilities. Not into sleaze, youngsters, gym bunnies or "hung" men. Passion and affection is what I need. I care about people, but need someone special to care about me. Photo to PO Box 2608, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★2190.

A Man With Qualities Seeks Same

33 y.o. GWM physician, 5'9", 150, HIV-, multilingual (speaks German, French, Greek), classical pianist and opera fan, lover of European literature (currently exploring Musil's *The Man Without Qualities*) seeks sexy man within ten years of my age who is health-conscious, curious, literate, enjoys weekend getaways and various means of intimate verbal and nonverbal communication and meta-communication. No muscle clones, New Age Boys, tattoos, piercings, skin grafts or other faddish forms of self-mutilation. Reply BT Box NV70B or call ★★2191.

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Rio And San Francisco

Brazilian GM, 35, 6', 208, attractive, masculine, accent, 'stache, educated, professional, romantic, HIV-; into other cultures, good conversation, movies, trips to the countryside, travel; seeking similar GM. Hairy, 35-45 a plus. Call ★★2192.

Available For Magic

55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional, emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1½ yrs. ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, 40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box NV72B or call ★★2193.

Don't Have To Be Top

Don't like it that much on the bottom; I'd rather go sideways. I'm not into role-playing, stereotypes or manipulations. What I'm looking for are honest, mature friendships hopefully leading to LTR. I'm 42, 6', 175#, HIV-, NS, cleanshaven, and I like hiking, cooking, travel, history, romantic dinners, and heavy discussions about the state of the world and the meaning of life. You are 35-45 (or thereabouts), and have a similar wide range of interests (not necessarily the same ones), and you're looking for someone to share that first cup of coffee with in the morning. Call ★★2194.

Honesty/Integrity

34, 6'1", 175#, well-built, handsome GM, Eurasian descent, looking for attractive GWM (27-37), optimistic, self-aware, life-loving, wanting to develop meaningful relationships. My interests: experiencing movies, ballet, live music, fall days, redwoods, hiking, Pt. Reyes; playing basketball, watching Giants games (Candlestick), being quiet at home—fire, good book. My personal journey within's as important as working out my body. Looking for more than sex? I'm looking for you. Call ★★2195.

GAM Seeking GWM

Attractive, athletic, Asian male would like to meet a good-looking GWM. I'm a 5'10", 150 lb., HIV-, financially secure 30 y.o. guy who's optimistic, intelligent, balanced, and good-humored. I enjoy playing volleyball competitively, skiing, movies, good conversation and taking weekend trips. Would like to meet an attractive, in-shape, HIV-, easygoing GWM between 24-34 for a friendship/relationship. Please call ★★2196.

Seeking Uncut Bear

Attractive, masculine, GWM, 38, HIV-, 6', 180 lbs., sandy blond hair, green eyes, moustache & trim beard, light body hair, bodybuilder, uncut, looking for a long-term monogamous relationship with a trim, uncut bear. Turn-ons: foreskins, body hair, beards, deep voices, masculinity, pot and cuddling. I enjoy dogs (I have a yellow lab), going to the movies, collecting laser discs, dancing, the outdoors (sunshine), camping, hiking, travel, and scuba diving. I am professional, intelligent, romantic, affectionate, honest and a good communicator. Reply with photo: BT Box NV73B or call ★★2197.

Multi-Ethnic Friends Wanted

GBM, 40 y.o., 5'11", work-out daily, moustache, nonsmoker, airline professional, PC user, goal-oriented, health conscious, not into bars but I enjoy checking out new dance clubs, visit Thailand/Malaysia on a regular basis. I would like to meet honest foreign-born guys, 21-35, with similar interests. Your photo gets mine, will answer all. PO Box 880608, SF 94188 or call ★★2198.

Looking For A Together Guy

You: 30-45, NS, ND, HIV-, looking for LTR. You like outdoors, friendship, emotional and physical intimacy, appreciate a caring man and like being a bottom, but you want to know a man before going to bed with him. I'm GWM professional, 40s, 5'9", 145 lbs., HIV-. I have great sense of humor, high energy and think being gay is a pretty wonderful thing. Recent photo and phone # to BT Box NV74B or call ★★2199.

Music, Language, Monogamy

Well-bred, well-educated, well-employed BM, 38, very musical, very verbal, bilingual (French); attractive, gentle, masculine top; 6', 225 lbs., HIV-, NS/ND. Seeks friendship, eventual monogamous LTR, with similar stable, cultured man, any race, 35-45. Your interests include languages, classical music and opera. Please, no outdoorsmen, party boys, gym addicts, bohemians, race fetishists. Reply BT Box NV75B or call ★★2200.

Kind And Intelligent

Tall, handsome, bl/bl, funny, nice body, cultured, well-mannered, spontaneous, myriad interests, successful, early 40s, HIV+. I have a wonderful life that is oriented to growth, service and fun. Seeks kind, intelligent, proportionate, decent-looking, 5'9" +, nice guy with a good life, good friends and generous spirit for a nurturing, fun experience. Box 409, 2443 Fillmore, SF 94115.

Qui N'a Pas Besoin De Chaleur Humaine?

La vie sans amour et amitie n'est pas gaie. Very attractive and good-looking Chinese guy, 40 y.o., with European background seeks under 45 y.o. GWM, GLM or GAM for dating, friendship or more. Into varied interests, NS, ND, HIV-, in good proportion. Please write (photo appreciated and returned) to Boxholder, PO Box 827, Brisbane 94005-0827 or call ★★2201.

Bare

Cute, genuinely nice, slightly bemused, happy, horny GWM quasi-nudist (yes, really), 39, 5'9", looking for someone sympathetic to date who likes to do all the usual stuff like movies and eating out and having fun and cuddling, but who is also daring enough to want to try splashing around naked at the beach, getting a nude massage on a warm rock or just plain making out bare on my couch (sigh). It's fun and warm and beautiful—you'll love it! I'm slender, in-shape, cleanshaven, a little quiet, funny, HIV-, educated and good-hearted; and nude, slenderish, youngish, cleanshaven guys with sweet smiles who love to fuck (top and bottom both) really get to my, er, heart. If you're a nice, sensitive boy and the idea of an occasional nude weekend with a really nice, warm boyfriend is making your dick get bigger right now—we should talk. Let's exchange pictures, please? You'll absolutely get mine. Reply BT Box NV76B or call ★★2202.

Someone To Love

37 y.o. GWM, 5'8", 140 lbs., professional, intelligent, warm, loving, HIV-, attractive, looking for that special person to make everything come together. That person is 25-40, sweet, cute, intelligent, communicative and emotionally available. We are interested in a mutually supportive, long-term monogamous relationship. We enjoy dining out, movies, deep conversation and mostly the quiet times together. Prefer GAM/GWM. Call ★★2203.

Hefty Dominant WM

Seeks trim partner. You're naturally submissive in bed, eager to yield and please and train, very oral, HIV-. I'm 70" tall, 210 lbs., late-40s, demanding and affectionate, HIV-. We're equals outside the bedroom, nonsmokers, no drugs. Reply BT Box NV77B or call ★★2204.

Play With Fire

Adventurous, spiritual, intelligent, 34, attractive, sensual, easily intimate, HIV-, 5'7", 130, likes good conversation, long walks, mystical journeys, sunny days, nature and a good sense of humor. Seeks playful growth-oriented guy with good intentions and a kind heart who is not afraid of his or the world's shadow. Call ★★2205.

Stop—Did You Know!

That November is the month and the time for seeking a loving gay May/December relationship. This young old-fashioned gay Italian man (33, 5'7", 141 lbs.), is self-sufficient, professional, handsome, happy, healthy (HIV-), and extremely attentive to an older man's needs. I am in search of a long-term sincere friendship/relationship with the possibilities of love, total commitment, respect and unity with an older man (40-70). I feel this can only be accomplished with another man who is willing to give himself and someone else a starting chance. In addition, I am looking for a man who is not hung up on a past relationship, or feels it is too soon to be married, or is looking for the perfect person; please have all of that under control. I would love to share the holidays and start the New Year off with someone I love. Let's receive the love we both deserve. Please, no drugs, smoke, married or bi men. Photo and phone if possible to: PO Box 8422, San Jose 95155.

Former Clone

Nice guy, mid-40s, wondering why these guys in their 20s and 30s usually write ads that specify a "use before" date of 35. Are you a sexy, available guy over 35? Looking to date someone with interests and values similar to yours? Then I'd like to meet you. I'm 44 (look 43), short (5'5"), studly (140 muscular lbs.), with striking blue eyes, short, sandy hair, balding, moustache, medium body hair; nice-looking and sexually adventurous. Healthy HIV+ for 9 yrs.; bright, funny & kind-hearted. You: any age or race, very good shape, hopefully under 5'9" and 150 lbs. Call ★★2206.

Partnership Sought

GBM, 6'3", 175, 30s, HIV+, moustache, moderately hairy, attractive, has permanent position available for partner in romantic venture. Ideal candidate is outgoing with good communication skills, sharp sense of humor and strong self-esteem. Potential partner should have some interests in travel, film, theater, concerts, hiking, animals, good food and good friends. Benefits include smoke-free, drug-free environment, generous kisses, and a very competitive "intimate" package complete with sensual cuddling and passionate evenings. Ideal position for a man 5'10" or taller. Applicants with facial/body hair especially encouraged to apply. All races welcomed. Equal opportunity extrovert. Call ★★2207.

Central Contra Costa

Looking for locals with varied interests which may include movies, dinners, tennis, bikes, games, pinochle, workouts (body and mind), spirit/religion (?) & TV sports. I'm 40, 5'10", 170#, asym. HIV+, NS, red-brn/blue, 'stache, active, fit, nice and nice-looking. Ideal local is 30-50, NS, proportionate, energetic, stable, sometimes quiet, always sincere. Call ★★2208.

Massage Anyone?

Good-looking, cleanshaven, well-educated, East Bay GWM, mid-30s, 6'2", 190#, HIV-, seeks similar GWM/GAM, 25-35, for an erotic massage exchange and, who knows, maybe even a friendship. I am relatively inexperienced, so please be looking for a sensual experience rather than wild sex. Please send a photo (which I will return) and a letter describing yourself and your interests to BT Box NV78B.

"In Dreams"

Is more than a song from the *Blue Velvet* soundtrack. Seeking a GBM, 25-35, muscular, proportionate, NS, ND, professional for dating and perhaps an LTR. Prefer SF or northern Peninsula. I am a GWM, 38, 6', 185#, versatile, HIV-, easy-going. Likes: new restaurants, films, cats, music (classical to techno), sports cars. Dislikes: pretense, eggplant, shallow people, nuclear warheads. If you fit the description above, call ★★2209.

Ball-Oriented Men

Wanted to help me explore my secret passion! You: in-shape, under 50, big balls; playful attitude is essential. Me: tall, in-shape, reasonably good-looking, 39, HIV+ (but this will be completely safe), no experience with this & little interest in actual pain, but I do have nice, fat nuts. Send photo (of you, not just your crotch), phone, and hot note to 41 Sutter St., #1215, SF 94104. Let's play ball!

Silence Is Not Golden

Diplomacy works. Handsome, horny, healthy GWM, 45, 5'9", 155, sandy/brn/salt, blue, North. California native, adventurous, inquisitive, mild risk-taker; varied interests; drive a heavy metal car, wear a blue collar in a high power, high stress job. Looking to date/mate/? with an equal —non-ageist, non-sexist male, 25 to ? yrs. old, sexually versatile, HIV-, aggressive, equal. I have driven a motorcycle to Tikal, seen a rainbow at midnight. Equal? Reply BT Box NV79B or call ★★2210.

Mess Up My Hair

Cultivate a friendship with this unconventional, cleanshaven, handsome man with Jewish-Italian looks, 5 o'clock shadow, toned body, hairy chest, HIV-, 6', 155#, look 39, actually perky 49. I enjoy Macintosh graphics, hiking, dancing, Tai Chi, massage, touch and eating bagels. You are: cute/handsome, youthful, HIV-, heartfelt, easygoing, nonpretentious, healthy, caring. Probably: smooth, unbearded, lean or firm, nonsmoking. Share: grace, contagious laughter, spacious mind, tender kiss. Photo please. Reply BT Box NV80B or call ★★2211.

Cyclist's Butt

Tight muscular butt and legs, wrapped in spandex shorts, with big basket, wanting long hot rides on bicycle and in bed. I'm 40, 6'3", HIV+, slim, fit, 'stache, well-hung, passionate kisser/cuddler, versatile/bottom. You be similar, sexy, versatile/top, in touch with heart as well as dick. Beards, Blacks, uncut a plus. Call ★★2212.

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HOW'S MY HAIR?
GOD IT'S HOT IN HERE.
..LOTSA DEAD ACTORS AND ARTISTS... LOTSA HEALTHY TAX ATTORNEYS, ACCOUNTANTS AND REPUBLICAN EX-PRESIDENTS...
NICE FUCK-IN' WORLD
IT'S LIKE MY FRIEND BOLLY SAYS: YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR'S YOUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE...
SO ETHAN... HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN?
MULTIMEDIA
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KNOWN? KNOWN WHAT?
OH... AREN'T YOU POSITIVE?.. I JUST ASSUMED YOU WERE.. I GUESS I JUST ASSUME EVERYBODY IS...
Oh.. WELL.. AH.. NO ACTUALLY.. UM, CURRENTLY, I MEAN.. Y'KNOW
SERONEGATIVE GUILT SPASM PROMPTING STRING OF INANITIES...
..BUT HEY.. SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS'R POSITIVE.... AND JEEZ MY T CELL COUNT'S ALWAYS BEEN KIND OF ANEMIC ANYWAY, I THINK IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH ALL THE FROSTED CEREAL I ATE AS A KID.. AND OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS? DON'T GET ME STARTED! I MEAN FLU SEASON'S LIKE OLD HOME WEEK FOR ME AND GERMS.. WHY JUST LAST WEEK THIS RHINOVIRUS CALLS ME UP AND SAYS..
MEANWHILE, DOUG AND ANTON ARE ACROSS THE ROOM BONDING... PERHAPS A LITTLE TOO TIGHTLY.
VERY DRUNK GUY INSISTING ON ACTING OUT EVERY SCENE FROM "VALLEY OF THE DOLLS"..
THE COOL THING IS THAT IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO GET YOURSELF DECLARED DISABLED AND STILL BE HEALTHY TO DO ALL THOSE THINGS YOU'VE LOOKED FORWARD TO. THE UNCOOL THING IS THAT SOME PEOPLE LET BEING DECLARED DISABLED BECOME A SELF FULFILLING PROPHESY...
EXACTLY!

I want to share my life with a man who can be my lover. I am sincere, loving, romantic, caring, handsome, Italian, 38 y.o., asymptomatic HIV+, healthy & horny. Sexually, I am mostly bottom: I love to please. I am looking for positive man, who is a man not a stereotype. Come share your dream with me. Hold me in your arms. Call ★★2213.

Looking For That Magic—

That spark, that charisma, with someone special! Single tall GWM, 45, HIV-, smoker, cocktails, drug-free, non-bodybuilder, successful artist, facial hair, glasses, big heart & soul, witty, Southern manners, cut, orally inclined. Looking for tall, single GWM/GLM, drug-free, HIV-(glasses a plus), witty, love of the arts, people & values, and orally inclined for that style of Victorian romance. Boxholder, Box 107, 564 Mission St., SF 94105 or call ★★2214.

Weightlifter Or Bodybuilder?

I'm looking for a masculine buddy into weightlifting or bodybuilding. I'm just a regular guy who likes the kind of man who takes care of his body and enjoys the attention it receives. I'm a masculine, nice-looking guy (40, 5'8", 160#) who's easy to talk to and discreet. So, if you're looking for a genuine friend, get in touch. Reply BT Box NV81B or call ★★2215.

Heart To Heart

Handsome wheelchair guy, finishing law school and becoming a lawyer, buying a home, seeks the best in life. I would like an intelligent, well-brought up and athletic, spiritual guy, high self-esteem and a big heart to share my love and happiness with in as complete and monogamous way as possible. If you enjoy living life to the fullest and you are not afraid of a disability, or are not jaded by homophobia, let's meet. Boxholder, PO Box 4607, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★2216.

GAM Needs A Partner

A work-out partner (24 hr. N., Daly City), that is. Been very busy and skipping gym. Please motivate me more and make exercising less boring. Me: attractive Filipino, 24, 5'8", 145 lbs. Other interests: music, theater, dancing, movies, beach, swimming, volleyball, tennis, rollerblading. You: just be a nice guy and a fun work-out buddy! Reply BT Box NV82B or call ★★2217.

It Takes Two

Willing East Bay GWM with life and inner self together seeks special man in liking, loving, real friendship—LTR. I'm masculine, inwardly/outwardly attractive, 40s, bearded, 5'10", trim, tan, hairy build, sexy legs/bare feet, blue eyes, no alcohol, ND. Need intimacy/closeness. Am setting/achieving goals, always there for others, but haven't connected with my special friend. Your response welcomed/answered, especially E.B. area. Reply BT Box NV83B or call ★★2218.

Expert Service

For masculine, aggressive men—hairy a plus—goodlooking GWM, 34, 5'10", 160 lbs., blond/blu-grn, cocksucker, asseater, hot mouth, deep throat, talented tongue—from vanilla to hardcore: submission/domination, leather, also groups, partying—satisfaction guaranteed. Call ★★2219.

Black Male Wanted

By GWM, 5'10", 170 lbs. I am looking for an acquaintance to maybe become a friend to maybe become more. I'm not looking for an instant LTR by placing this ad. I have varied interests and I am looking for a flexible, nice person who can handle going to a football game one day and the symphony the next... as well as all sports, concerts, films, music, etc. I don't expect to find someone who likes everything I like, only someone who is willing to give it a try. I would certainly do the same for you. I am well-traveled and open-minded. I do not have to have things my way all the time and I would hope you don't either. I care whether others are having a good time. My enjoyment doesn't mean much if you aren't getting anything out of it. Sexually, I am primarily a bottom, but enjoy top occasionally with the right guy. I am a bottom sexually, not in life. I have a very interesting and active life and hope to find someone who, like me, wants to share experiences and good times. I like to laugh and have been told I have a good sense of humor. Above all, I want someone who is honest. I have placed ads before and have gotten a lot of hype and bullshit. Without honesty from the beginning, there is no foundation to build anything. If any of this strikes a chord, please give me a call. Reply BT Box NV84B or call ★★2220.

Seek Poet, Writer, Nerd, Creative Type

For soft, slow conversation and prolonged hugs. Me: tall, lean, brown and emotional. You: atypical, want hugging. Write: PO Box 640977, SF 94164-0977 or call ★★2221.

Mutual Dirty Talk & Jack-Off Fantasy

You've just lost your job, I broke up with my girlfriend. It's late, the bar calls last round. We decide to leave and party together. We dig the male bonding, wanting to go one step further, yet not ready for gay fuck/suck sex. How 'bout getting together around 10-11 pm at my place, Oakland, drink, smoke, party (sharing costs 50/50). Let's get naked, appreciate each other's manhood and let drinks make dirty talk and jerk-off flow like wine. Call ★★2222.

Are You A Fun Person?

GWM, 39, HIV+, 6'2", 195#, red hair/brown eyes, seeks friend/companion for good times. I have the usual interests: music, films, travel, good food (and wine), the outdoors, etc.... I want to meet someone interesting, caring, intelligent, with a mind of their own. Be my age or younger, sexually versatile (I am) and have a heart. Call ★★2223.

River Fuck Buddy

Looking for a friend for sexual and social good times in the Russian River area. Me: 40, 6'3", slim, fit, smooth body, 'stache, versatile to bottom, hung, big balls, hot ass, love to get fucked. Enjoy hikes in the hills, bicycling, curling up in front of the fire. You: sexy, sense of humor, versatile to top. Beard, hung, hairy chest a plus. Call ★★2224.

Mature Male—Uncut

I am 50 yrs. old, hot & horny, have a strong firm body, hairy legs and chest, endowed, uncut, br/bl, thinning hair. I am very erotic, love good sex, oral as well as body exploration. I am healthy and safe, looking for same. Have many interests, widely traveled, speak several languages, big reader. Looking for hot mouth and tongue. Call ★★2225.

A Little Bit Me

Then a little bit you. East Bay, 30s, GWM, health care professional, 6'1", 180, light brn/hazel, cleanshaven, HIV-, seeking compatible GM who feels ready to meet and develop a healthy relationship with someone who enjoys hiking (especially Pt. Reyes), long weekends away, as well as quiet times at home or out for the evening. You are late-20s to late-30s, smooth, ht/wt proportionate, HIV-, know who you are (or at least want to be), financially stable, have a sense of humor and preferably East Bayer. Call ★★2226.

Since We're Neighbors, We're Just Friends

Take your choice—two attractive, really nice GWMs seeking GAMs for fun leading to LTR. No alcohol/drug/smoking. 1st GWM: 42, 5'10", 160 lbs., silver hair, HIV-, cleanshaven, smooth body, professional. 2nd GWM: 55, 5'10", 190 lbs., brown/gray, HIV-, cleanshaven, hairy body, youthful and retired. Call and pick which neighbor you'd like to meet #1 or #2? Reply BT Box NV85B or call ★★2227.

Nice-N-Natural

Down-to-earth... attractive, sincere, 32, GWM, HIV+, bottom, 5'8", 150 lbs., gym-toned, bl/grn, moustache, looking for: GWM (30-50), HIV+ or -, top, gym-toned. I want to explore versatility more in bed. My interests include: nude beaches, gym, biking, CW dancing, movies, ethnic food, thrift stores, cuddling, mass on Sunday, comics section. I ultimately want a LTR. Call ★★2228.

No Imagination

This 38-year-old GWM from Fremont would like to make a few friends with guys living in the East Bay. I'm 6'1", 185, brown hair, green eyes, and cleanshaven. Mountain biking, hiking, camping, working out, reading, computers, CD buying sprees, movies, watching "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Melrose Place," good conversation and daydreaming are just a few of the things that I enjoy. I'm old-fashioned, friendly, honest, down-to-earth, sensible and slightly conservative. If you don't think this ad is too boring, I would like to hear from you. Call ★★2229.

Latino Buddy Wanted

Want a buddy to hang out and bullshit with, take weekend trips out of town, maybe go hiking, have great uncomplicated sex? This butch GWM wants to meet you! Me: blue collar style, big brother type, athletic, loves to laugh, some rough edges, sexually passionate, little sleazy, 5'10", 160#, br/br, muscular, HIV-, 40s. You: similar qualities, street smart, some macho attitude, short, trim, late-20s-30s. Write 2440 16th St., Box 159, SF 94103 or call ★★2230.

In Search Of...

Quality guys. I'm a GAM, 28, 5'10", blk/br, attractive, boyish and smooth. I'm new to SF. I consider myself a warm, friendly, intelligent, and easygoing person. I'm a white collar professional and am well-educated. I'm fitness-conscious, healthy and in good shape. I enjoy the movies, theater, arts, biking, volleyball, working out and exploring the City. I would like to meet similar quality guys of any race under 35 for friendship or dating. Reply BT Box NV86B or call ★★2231.

Down-To-Earth Friends Sought

I'm a 48-yr-old, HIV-, attractive, hairy, gay man, seeking some good, unsuperficial, ethical, spiritual friends. I'm a bit neurotic, paranoid & nervous (hate these characteristics), but all in all I'm a decent, fine person in great need of people (lonely like myself) seeking long-lasting, caring friends. I live in East Bay and will answer all messages left. Call ★★2232.

Are You My Special Man?

Let's find out; let's talk; let's meet. I'm handsome GWM, 33, 6'2", 180, black hair, brown eyes, originally from Europe. Intelligent, independent, professional, romantic. I love quiet evenings at home and joyful times with friends, music and movies, traveling and reading. I'm trying to keep everything in balance. I'm ND, NS, versatile top. I would like to meet mature and stable man, intelligent, caring and willing to settle down in monogamous relationship—but dating first, let's take it slow. Reply BT Box NV87B or call ★★2233.

Black & White

Is a great color combination, but difficult to achieve without going to the bars. But I know there has to be the right man out there for me—somewhere! He's a GBM, under 35, slim, bright, funny, professional, sexy and likes older GW guys. I'm nearer 50 than 40, 5'11½", very distinguished looking, graying at the temples, trim beard and 'stache, slim, energetic, funny, cosmopolitan. Serious replies only—I want to settle down. Call ★★2234.

HIV+ Latin Top Wanted

Capricorn, Virgo, Scorpio or Pisces only—moustache, uncut, tattoos, husky, mota are pluses with me! I'm 31, blond, blue, six feet tall, cuddle-monster looking for soulmate to play house. Call ★★2235.

Searching?

Who is the ideal man for me? He's 18-30, cute, sexy, slender, HIV-, someone who wants a home life with someone older (mid-30s), good-looking, loving. Bars have little use in our life, drugs no use at all. Wanting to make a family together, to grow old together appeals to us. Romance, cuddling, great sex, great friends, one day my search will be over. Please call or write with a photo. Hey, maybe Christmas will be extra special this year? Reply BT Box NV88B or call ★★2236.

Sex In Recovery

GWM, 37 y.o., healthy, 6', 170 lbs., easy on the eyes, sexually versatile, looking to explore sex, sensuousness and friendship with a spiritually evolved individual. I'm well-educated, but don't know everything and possess a great sense of humor with a generous heart. I would really love some help in this area as I've not been sexual since starting my recovery. My higher power wants you to call or write. Reply BT Box NV89B or call ★★2237.

70 Words Or Less

Attractive 37-yr-young Spaniard, 5'6", 125 lbs., healthy HIV+, seeks to meet African-American men of substance to share life, love, lust, passion and intimacy. Possible long-term relationship... try it, you'll like it. Call ★★2238.

Atlanta Friend?

GWM, 27, lives in the Atlanta, Ga., area. Non-bar, nonsmoker, non-drugs. Happy to say non-stereotypical and, to be politically incorrect, "straight-acting and sounding." Not into waving banners, flags or triangles—just into being myself. Enjoys sketching, editorial writing, comedy, sci fi, mountain retreats. Seeks down-to-earth pen friend(s), 25-45. Serious only. Boxholder, PO Box 191102, Atlanta, GA 31119-1102 or leave message at ★★2239.

Smooth Men Drive Me Wild

Cultivate a friendship with this unconventional, handsome, cleanshaven man of character. With Jewish-Italian looks, 5 o'clock shadow, toned body, hairy chest, HIV-. 6', 155#, look 35-40, though perky 49. I enjoy Macintosh graphics, hiking, dancing, Tai Chi, massage, touch, and eating bagels. You are: cute/handsome, youthful, lean or firm, HIV-, heartfelt, easygoing, nonpretentious, healthy. Probably: unbearded, nonsmoking. Share: grace, contagious laughter, tenderness, spacious mind. Photo please. Reply BT Box NV90B or call ★★2240.

I Have This Friend, See...

And he's not lonely, desperate or indiscriminate, but he's so cute that he attracts the wrong kind of guy. He's 29, blond/blue, 6'1". He has a twinkling smile, a hunky body and wholesome, boyish looks. But he's not a Castro clone, and he's not into the scene. He has many interests, athletic, cultural, and otherwise, and he has strong convictions about relationships: he wants one long-term, but only if you value sincerity, fidelity and stability. If you are an in-shape GWM between 25 and 35 and think you have what it takes to win this man's heart, give him a call at ★★2241.

Massage Partner Sought

Spirited, fun, gym-toned professional, 37 y.o., HIV-man seeks friend for ongoing massage exchanges. Please be HIV- and attractive, and a sincere person. Call ★★2242.

Barely A Bear?

Husky but not hairy, dark-haired WM, 40something, super nice, intelligent, active and very masculine is an active top who likes slightly submissive, younger guys. I am also very fit and healthy but have a beer gut and love handles to hang on to. Can go for hours in sweaty man-to-man action. Even flakes welcome, but not workaholics. Boxholder, Box 640016, SF 94164 or call ★★2243.

Rough Sweaty Sex

Looking for strong, tough men who know that man-to-man sex should be rough, dirty and sweaty. I'm 5'8", 153#, stocky, muscular, goateed, very hairy; seeking same or bigger, prefer equally hairy (hairy-chested Blacks and blonds especially), into cock and ball workouts, bone-crunching bearhugs, hard-hitting chest work, body punching, leather, bondage, wrestling for dominance, fisticuffs, down-n-dirty roughhouse mansex. Call ★★2244.

Dream Lover

Handsome and sexy GWM, 54, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, trimmed gray beard, seeks attractive masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening, and anything outdoors. You are handsome, NS, light/ND, great shape, and have the capacity for warm-hearted affection. Extra points for being easy to be with, and having a sense of humor. Call ★★2245.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes, clean-cut, hairy trim body. Seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) Boxholder 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★2246.

Like Leather, But Afraid Of S/M?

There are people out there who love leather, the way it looks, feels & smells, but are afraid of pain/abuse. Well, here's a real daddy, closer to 50 than 40, graying at the temples, trim, energetic, beard and 'stache, who has no time for pain. Just loves leather and boys. You: be under 30, love leather & dads. Serious only—relationship possible. Call ★★2247.

In Search Of A Hunk

Extremely handsome and cute 24-year-old Asian gay man in search of a 20-35-year-old Caucasian man. I'm very athletic and I have a smooth body. If you are interested, please mail a photo with your name and phone number to PO Box 71, Fremont 94537-0071 or call ★★2248.

Stocky Guys With Heart, Soul And The Killer Instinct

Turn me on as does the Simpsons, Star Trek, oil massage, nipple play, Tom Jones, Dusty Springfield, hot springs, Arizona desert, California coast, Latin men, Pacific Island men, foot worship, TLC, Kriss Kross, deep chocolate fudge, deep house, out of body exploration, Jesus Lizard, Sun City Girls, port wine cheese spread, olive oil and Tito Puente. I'm GWM, 35, 5'11", 175, br/bl. Call ★★2249.

Men Of Color

Healthy HIV+ Spaniard, 37 yrs., looks and feels younger. 5'6", 125 lbs., seeks to meet men of color to share friendship, companionship, love, lust and passion. Open to long-term relationships or just one night stands. Call ★★2250.

Free Erotic Massage

Offered to GBM/GLM/GAM, but all replies will be answered for a total body experience. Free, not a sex ad & no reciprocation necessary, but do require feedback on techniques used, which include Swedish, Acupressure, Reiki, Kundalini, reflexology, warm scented oils, candlelight and more. New to SF. Willing to teach techniques designed to prolong orgasms, instill vitality and stimulate eroticism. Reply BT Box NV91B or call ★★2251.

Hey, You!

Me: Probably gay, white, anti-racist/fascist skinhead punk-type, 38 y.o., 5'7", 140 lbs., tattoos, earrings, steel-toes, leather jacket, sober, looking for new friends, maybe even a boyfriend, certainly guys to jack-off with on a regular basis. Kinda oddly ugly in a perversely appealing way. You: whatever, 18-45, weight/height proportionate. East Bay would be ideal, but... Call ★★2252.

Looks Are Unimportant!

Black male, 48, seeks a well-built stocky white male, 47-59, with the following talents, normal-looking, neat appearance, wears something besides jeans, acts his age, good sense of humor, mature, ready for more than sex. The guy I want is affectionate, masculine, a nonsmoker, HIV-, not into drugs, but relationship prone. Photo if available to Boxholder, PO Box 794, Oakland 94604 or call ★★2253.

Hairy Guy Wants Playmate

Seeking cute horny lads for fun & possible buddies. Me: 6'2", 210, 26 y.o., overactive imagination & hormones. You: available & adventure oriented. Call or write: PO Box 426027, SF 94142-6027 or call ★★2254.

Warm, Smart, Attractive

Is the way I would describe myself. I'm 37 y.o., HIV-, gym-toned, professional, good-looking, fun, happy (not always), sincere, looking for romance and love. I don't expect perfection, just a communicative, evolved, stable, HIV- mate. Call ★★2255.

And Now For Something Completely Different

I can go out and meet guys for fucking/sucking sex. My difficulty is in meeting guys for dirty talk, jack-off, drinking/partying one-on-one scenes. Let's get together 10-11 pm, my place (Oakland), share patrying costs (50/50). Musts: mutual dirty talk, jerk-off, cock/ball worship, getting high. Must nots: be shaved, videos, toys, fuck, suck. Man-to-man, buddy-to-buddy cock worship at its best. Age, size, looks unimportant. Call ★★2256.

GAM Wanted For LTR

Blond, blue-eyed teddy bear, 5'10", 195, 39, wants to date, explore potential for LTR with GAM, 25-40, NS, ND. Call ★★2257.

Older Seeks Younger

Attractive, young-looking/acting GWM, 70, 5'8", 155, silver/gray hair, white moustache, wishes to develop loving, caring, meaningful friendship, poss. relationship with an attr., 18-40, gay, bi, even straight (will train) man who prefers company of a more mature man, both in and out of bed. Your photo would be nice. 537 Jones St., #1297, SF 94102 or call ★★2258.

LTF (Long-Term Friend)

For this witty, fair-skinned, balding, good (not gym) shape, 6'3", 190 lbs., masculine, HIV-, 30-something WM bottom! Prefer hung HIV- WM or BM under 41 years who enjoys a Sunday afternoon of watching football, seeing the countryside, or being together. I don't expect a LTR (would be nice), but would like a long-term friend. East Bay preferred. Be honest. Call ★★2259.

Alive In Body & Spirit

Looking to exchange massages and possibly friendship with other sincere and friendly professionals. This 5'10", 165# GWM would like to bike & hike enjoying the outdoors; sharing a meal, trading massage, playing cards, enjoying the indoors; likes to dance but still needs lessons in CW. You: 35+, sincere, active in body & spirit, race unimportant, slim to med. ND, NS. Exchange, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call ★★2260.

If Having An Asian Lover Is Your Dream...

Don't miss this! GAM, 29, 5'8", 142, handsome head turner. On one side, I am sincere, intelligent, humorous and stable. On the other side, I am devoted, passionate, cuddly and into long wet kissing/intimacy. Seek LTR with GWM, HIV-, over 6', under 40, upbeat, good-looking, in good shape, absolutely masculine and hopelessly romantic. Letter/photo to PO Box 59-0953, SF 94159-0953 or call ★★2261. All answers replied.

Uncut Man Wanted

Scorpio man, 48, blond/blue, 6'1", 224#, seeks healthy man, 30-50, that has foreskin "a must" and not into the gay lifestyle. Prefer a man that's employed and a nonsmoker. You being a bottom too would be great. Call ★★2262.

Wanted

Phone order mate. I'll take the *Bay Times* model #7820: masculine, hairy, funny, friendly, NS, ND, N/SM, likes outdoors, hanging out together, sharing intimacy, warm bear hugs, charged kisses, safe sex. Slightly imperfect, discount model okay, but must be real; no imitations. Can be returned if not satisfied. Send to 6', 165 lbs., blue eyes, 41 y.o., goatee, bald, nice-looking, friendly, funny, considerate, creative man. Let's talk and meet soon. Call ★★2263.

Good-Looking Straight Type

GWM, 39, 6'1", 200 lbs., brown, green, not into gay life. Exception to what you have met. Seeks similar good-looking relationship-oriented, masculine guy without an attitude and beautiful inside. Must be romantic, fun-loving and very nice. Friend/lover. Call ★★2264.

Let's Muscle Up!

Like me, you have the drive and determination for some serious muscling up, but hate working out alone in some chrome-and-mirror pretty-boy gym. Can you commit to three nights a week? If so, this 5'8", 153#, stocky, bearded, hairy man has a private gym w/equipment (weights, bench w/attachment, 10x12 ft wrestling mat, boxing gear), needs partner into lifting, wrestling, sparring, massage, maybe more. Let's sweat! Call ★★2265.

Tired Of Hide-N-Go Seek

Just tell me where you are. I am hiding behind a 6'1", 180 lb., 35-yr-old, gray-haired body w/interests in counseling, family & experiencing everything. You are similar & emotionally available. I am looking forward to playing a new game! Call ★★2266.

Country Living

American Indian, 34, hazel brown, Pisces. I like sex w/jeans, flannel shirts, denim & work jackets, uniforms of all kinds, wearing diapers, nature hikes, really bizarre fantasies, movies on my VCR, reading & staying home. I collect books, records, tapes, jeans, clothes & teddy bears. I'm a serious person & my sense of humor is slapstick type, reading poetry in front of the fireplace. Looking for males, 30-50, any race, don't: cook, clean house & live in cities. The person I'm looking for has to be able to use his imagination, romantic, doesn't mind changing diapers, fixing baby bottles, feeding me baby food & spontaneous lovemaking. Teddybear. Reply BT Box NV92B or call ★★2267.

Warm Hands And Warm Heart

Boyishly cute, masculine, cuddly, loving, honest, intense scholar, 31, HIV-, 5'6", 140#, blond, muscular, furry chest and bubble butt, into social justice, personal growth, swimming, bicycling, long hikes and good healthy food. Not into drugs, heavy drinking, tobacco or bigotry. Seeking sweet, masculine, intelligent, communicative, muscular guys (not bodybuilders), Oakland or Berkeley preferable, 22-40, any race or nationality, for mutual massage, evenings out, daytime hikes, friendship and/or cuddling and sexual play. I'm open to the possibility of commitment, but not expecting it. Call ★★2268.

Active Man Sought

By SF WM. Tall, skinny, avg. looks, glasses, balding, early-40s, HIV-, active. Do you hike, bike, play tennis, car camp, backpack, snowboard, hang glide...? Are you over 30, fit, healthy, sane, able to laugh, drug-/tobacco-free, available for LTR? Life is short—write! Reply BT Box NV93B.

Why Do Alone

What two can enjoy? In-shape, 50s, GWM, slender, 5'8", HIV-, dark beard, balding, cheer-

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San Jose **NEEDS PLAYMATE:** 6', 140lbs, looking for playmate. ☎4359

Santa Clara **GWM:** 26, 6'2, 195lbs, musclr, dark hair, hazel eyes, enjoy having fun. ☎3855

San Jose **HAIRY BEAR:** 38, 6', 210lbs, hairy chest, goatee, brw hair & eyes, enjoy outdoor activities, camping, hiking, scuba diving, comedy clubs, I'm romantic, a great cook and looking for guy for poss. rel. (latino A+). ☎3948

Lodi **BI-BLACK PROFESSIONAL:** 44, seeks any rare or aged employed person, call for hm number. ☎3593

San Jose **YOUNG LATIN MALE:** 5'7, 33 y/o, would like to have good time with anyone out there. ☎8514

SF **BUILDING HOMEBODY:** 47, 5'10, 225lbs,(football player build) romantic, handsome, monag., dark hair, blue eyes, love going, to gym, staying at home. ☎1520

SF **VERY VERSATILE:** 22, N2 briefs, swimmer's & guys my own age, please leave msg or call for my pager number. ☎7394

SF **ATTENTION BAY AREA MEN:** I'm 18 and seeking other guys in the Bay area to meet & get to know better, call me if interested in meeting me. ☎8397

Oakland **ATTRAC. BLACK MALE 24:** 5'8, 165lbs, med. build, attrac., looking to meet other guys, leave msg if interested. ☎6744

River City **ACTIVE ROMANTIC:** 5'7, brw hair, enjoy swimming, tennis, bike riding, romance, pets. Give a call. ☎5386

SF **BI-CURIOUS:** 35 y/o, would like to meet someone for safe fun, please be discreet when calling. ☎6853

Vacaville **HEY! I'M 19:** 5'5, 145lbs, black hair, brw eyes, interested in everything, looking for someone for friendship, not into the scene. ☎6980

Fremont **"LOVES FURY SLIPPERS":** TS/TV 27, enjoy wearing fury slippers, & dressing up like a woman, like older men from 45-70, who like to smoke cigarettes. ☎7822

Stockton **HAIRY** cherokee decent seeking guys 25-45 that are white, extremely hairy. ☎1815

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San Francisco **TWIN PEAKS AREA: BIG FAT VERS.:** 290lbs, btm, seeks men who appreciate larger guys. ☎4714

SF **VERSATILE ITALIAN:** 32, 5'10, 165lbs, prefers men 25-40 , enjoy exploring the city, music, & theatre, ☎8009

SF **ASIAN MALE:** 30 y/o, enjoy foreign movies, seeks gwm, under 35 for fun & friendship. ☎8059

SF **SEEKS SIMILAR:** 30 y/o, wm, dark hair brw eyes, seeks smlr 25-35 for good times/dating & poss. rel. call my box & leave me a msg. ☎6997

SF **SEEKING MEN OF COLOR:** 6'1, 240lbs, blond, like movies, beach walks, ISO sincere honest times. ☎7442

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Campbell **MAKE MY FANTASY A REALITY:** 33 y/o, gwm, never had encounter w/other man, but very curious & anxious to find out!—hurry. ☎7706

Reno **ASPIRING X-DRESSER:** Bi-wm , who can be v. masc. would like to hear from reno men for teaching, tell me your fantasy. ☎6060

209 Area Code **TOP THIS:** 6', dark brw hair, btm, smooth seeks musclr, tp 28-39 for frequent get togethers. ☎4845

Modesto **CHINESE CONNECTION:** 5'9, 24, chinese guy, ready to have some fun, call me! anytime! ☎4402

SF **ANY RACE OK:** 25, bm who's positive is looking for any race or couples 18-25 for fun times. ☎2904

SF **VERY PASSABLE TS:** 5'7, european, black & puerto rican,pre-op TS seeks sensitive, compassionate, companion. ☎3121

Berkeley **HORSEPLAY:** 6' tall, 200lbs, brw hair/eyes, interested in having fun times with local guys —call & collect your reward. ☎7730

SF **BEST FRIENDS:** gwm, positive, 27, seeking other positive men 23-30, I enjoy movies, walking, cooking, seeking someone for friendship/rel. ☎6358

San Mateo **GRAB ME BEFORE I'M GONE:** 19 y/o with pager wants to hear from you. Surprise me! ☎6420

SF **MAKE MY DAY:** 26 y/o, bttm, birthday coming up, looking for man to make my day ☎2937

SF **GAME FREE:** 22 y/o, brw hair/brw eyes, 5'7, seeks guy up to 30 y/o, who's tall, musclr, handsome man, (no games pls) ☎1101

SF **THIS IS A GOOD ONE:** 25 y/o, 5'8, 135lbs, clean shaven, btm, would love to hear from you. Just do it. ☎6855

San Jose, **SET SAIL:** 27, 5'8, brw hair, clean shaven, green eyes, enjoy hiking, camping, going beach, sailing my boat, quiet evenings, seeking stable guy under 30. ☎6510

Sacramento, **6'2, 25,** really enjoy outdoors, lookin to settle down, really love muscles & hairy guys. ☎1066

Sacramento, **X-COLLEGE LINEBACKER:** 6'3, 220lbs, black, former college linebacker, looking for heavy set spanish or pacific/male. ☎1580

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Santa Cruz, **DUO WANTS 2B TRIO:** 2 guys in santa cruz mountains looking for a third to join us. Com'mon over. ☎5593

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SF, **YNG:** 5'8, v. athletic, tp, seeks blond, down to earth, guy 20-25 ☎3049

SF, **N2 TENDERNESS:** Tall, slender, 42, WM, interested in slender to med. build, subm. or easy going, asian or latin. ☎3135

SF, **WM,** 34, 5'11, 175lbs, blond/green eyes, smooth, seeks tp man, call anytime. ☎4185

SF, **WELL ROUNDED:** Black european, 5'10, 155lbs, lookin for stable rel. ☎3342

SF, **37, 145LBS,** black hair, brw eyes, hairy, tanned, athletic, lookin to date or play. ☎3534

SF, **BI-ASIAN,** 36, 5'11, 170lbs, seek straight guy under 36, med. built, bi-asian or white for safe times, ☎6902

SF, **UNUSUAL DESIRES:** 22, cute, bttm, looking for party guys under 35, who would like to take a walk on the wild side with me. ☎7492

SF, **YOUR REWARD:** 26 GWM, 5'8, 170lbs, blond/blue, enjoy going for rides, being outdoors, or call for my address & write me. Don't miss out. ☎3801

San Leandro, **TENNIS ANYONE? ACTIVE LATIN 22 YR OLD:** 5'11, 160lbs, romantic, very active, professional, good body, seeking 18-30 y/o. If this peaks your interest or if you're in any way intrigued, give a call! ☎4584

SF, **WHERE'S DADDY?** long brw hair, bearded, 175lbs, 5'9, 34, looking for daddy types into good times. ☎5516

Oakland, **PROF. HAIRSTYLIST & DESIGNER:** 6'2, 225lbs, brown skin, looking for new friend to socialize, hang out, go to movies, lake walks. ☎7054

SF, **FIT AS A FIDDLE:** masc., 29, into fitness, seeking other masc. men 18-40, blond A+ for sweaty times. ☎7233

SF, **JUST YOU & ME:** dark featured & eqpd 5'7, gwm, is interested in physical rel. w/local guy. — call, you won't be disappointed. ☎7257

West Berkeley, **HASSLE FREE:** 41 y/o, bm, heavy set, 6', 250lbs, dark brw complexion, brw eyes, stached, attracted to ynger white guys who like to explore. ☎5721

SF **HUNKY** easy to talk to, desires ASIAN guys ☎5596

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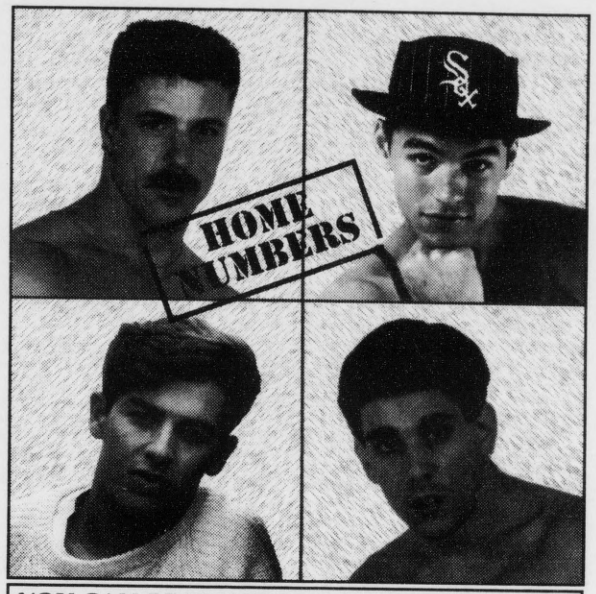

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Mature Seeks Youthful

Seeking a positive-thinking, affectionate, very(!) youthful-looking guy, for relationship. Men of color welcome. You are not doing drugs, are a nonsmoker, HIV- and enjoy sex. Your personality is more important to me than your body and your looks. I'm a caring WM, a professional writer and therapist. I am muscular, trim, short and compact, 62, HIV-. PO Box 31341, SF 94131 or call ★★2273.

Good-Looking Top

WM, 40, attractive, 5'10", 145, top, seeks good-looking, intelligent, masculine man for friendship or LTR. Looking for a hungry bottom interested in exploring S/M (spanking, shaving, bondage, etc.). Otherwise want to share good times as equals. Prefer SF. Leave best time to reach you. Call ★★2274.

Are You Happy With Your Life Now?

So am I. I'm 30, 6'6", 195 lbs. (slender), br/blue, HIV-, NS/ND, good-looking. I go to the gym, but it's not my hang-out. I feel whole as a single person and I'd like to enhance my life through sharing it with another. My interests/passions include: running, rollerblading, volleyball, jazz/world music, languages, travel, teaching, learning, playing my saxophone and (believe it or not) my job. I am looking for a committed relationship that includes openness, emotional availability, and lots of laughter (I love practical jokes). I prefer guys close to my age (I have a fetish for skinny guys). My goals in life are to continually grow, to learn, to become increasingly nonjudgmental and to love. Call or write. Reply BT Box NV96B or call ★★2275.

Getting Laid

Is the easy part; finding an enduring relationship is harder. Man with far more than his fair share of hot times in the past now seeks more time with one man. 42, 5'9", 147, positive & very healthy. Strong libido, passion for cum; bottom to versatile. Looking for a positive man within 5 years of my age. Like hiking, movies, travel & British TV. Call ★★2276.

Raised In Radio Days

In the ongoing saga of a young good-looking middle aged man from a small river town in the Midwest trying to find love in the big city... his artistic sensitivity precludes street and bar encounters, but how about a call from you, a nice-looking, genuine fellow (perhaps HIV+?) who is randomly searching these ads for the same thing? (Check voicemail number for more data.) Call ★★2277.

Silver Fox Seeks Men Of Distinction

Interested in a cultural, erudite, passionate, witty, monogamous, HIV- intellectual? Look no further! Distinguished-looking world traveler, active in public forums, medical research. Seeking individuals of quality for dialogue, friendship, dating, discreet games. Rainbow responses welcomed. HIV- please. Box 52, 350 7th Ave., SF 94118 or call ★★2278.

Asian Fixation

Is my weakness. Of course, I realize you're probably American, but the look drives me wild. You don't have to be handsome, just short, proportional build, and under 40. I am not tall at all, 140#, 40 y.o., smoker, sometimes drinker, wide interests. We are both compassionate, understanding and need somebody to sleep with and hang with weekends and after work. SF pref. Call ★★2279.

Not Your Daddy

The problem is that I am attracted to younger men, but I am repulsed by the co-dependent behavior of unresolved parent-child issues that are often the stereotype in these kinds of relationships. I am not looking to play anyone's daddy. I am looking for a whole, integrated person who just happens to be younger than I. I am a GWM, 44, 6', 185 lbs., br/blu, HIV-, sexually versatile; a well-educated professional with interests and training in the arts and sciences (an eclectic background). I have all the standard interests listed in a lot of other ads (travel, theater, food, books, music, etc.). My primary interest is the continually renewing action of paying attention to how I view the world, my place in it, and the effective result of living my life consciously. I enjoy the willingness to question, to search, to look for alternate ways of "seeing" the world that some bright, uncalcified younger men have, also. I love, too, their unabashed physicality and sexuality. I am incredibly romantic, enjoy touching and caressing, and even PDA (Public Displays of Affection). If something here strikes a chord, then let's proceed. Reply BT Box NV97B or call ★★2280.

Witam Polakow!

Bym chcial poznac chlopaka z Polski, kto ma wasy i jest, przede wszystkim, szczery. Wiek obojetny. Jesli ktos szuka przyjaciela, prosze napisac! Jestem przystojny i sympatyczny pochodzenia polskiego. VN, PO Box 30343, Phoenix, AZ 85046 or call ★★2281.

Life's Been Good

Great friends, interesting job, good health, nice place to live. There's just one thing I'm missing: you, you adorable thing. Let's dance all night, go to a concert, go kayaking, discuss life's ironies, eat sushi—whatever. This athletic, handsome, 29-year-old, 5'8", 140, seeks an honest, thoughtful, fit, HIV-, happy-go-lucky guy, 25-35, who doesn't take life too seriously. Write PO Box 14203, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★2282.

Desperately Seeking Buddyness

Hairy, G-T'd Spaniard seeks to meet other very hairy, bearded men for friendship and/or buddyness but will settle for uncomplicated sex and cuddling. I'm 37 y.o., 5'11", 157#, br/br, fin. sec. prof., healthy HIV+ 10 yr. survivor, not into drugs, smoking, drinking, bars, gym or sports. You respect those choices and are within 5± of myself (age, inches, ht.). GWM, blnd/red/s&p pref. Let's find out what else we have got to share. Drop a note: M.S., PO Box 14635, SF 94114

Empathetic Professional

GWM, 63, 5'8", 165 lbs., HIV-, professional, likes movies, classical music, art, travel. Is kind, sensitive, empathetic. Looking for 35+ gay male for friendship and relationship. Please send letter and photo to BT Box NV98B or call ★★2283.

Two Boys With Ants In Their Pants

Nice enough guys—good senses of humor, eclectic interests, progressive and unpretentious—interested in meeting men without the noise and/or unmellowness of the usual methods. #1 is 25, 5'11", 150, br/bl; #2 is 31, 5'8", 145, br/br. Sex would be great, but ten minutes of tense coffee-drinking and an awkward parting will do too. Please don't respond if you voted "yes" on fingerprinting G.A. recipients or if you have an annoying habit (e.g.: smoking is not an annoying habit, but lip-smacking is). By the way, this is not an ad for group sex; we placed it together for the sake of economy. Reply BT Box NV99B or call ★★2284.

Little Guy—Big Cock

You fit the saying that big surprises come in small packages, love showing off your big meat and enjoy the attention when guys admire that big dick on your little body. WM, late 40s, wants to worship your cock. Asians and Blacks a plus. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★2285.

Squat Over My Face?

Nothing excites me as much as a ripe butthole in my nose or a smelly uncut cock. Mature GWM seeks slightly kinky men into spankings, rimming and mansmells. Short guys and Latins are a special treat. I'm HIV-, hairy and can cum often. Write hot note. PO Box 151, Alameda 94501. Like getting eaten out? Dirty guys, please call ★★2286.

If You Like To Watch, Be Watched

Maybe videotape each other. Me: 40 y.o. European, short 5'5", in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice cut dick. You are any age, healthy, in-shape, hairy below the waist. Reply PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★2287.

Older Buddy Wanted

By a GAM, 5'7", 20s, for friendship/companionship. We're both HIV-, attractive, sincere, educated and cultural. I like dancing, skiing, PBS, art, romantic evenings and have much to offer to that one special person. Great if you are a fatherly type. Let's start a friendship based on mutual understanding and respect first. Your returnable photo is greatly appreciated. I live in San Jose. Please write. Reply BT Box NV100B or call ★★2288.

Seeking Very Thin Asian

Sincere, handsome, professional GWM finds very thin Asians irresistible. You'll discover I'm caring, nurturing, generous, romantic, sometimes frivolous. I'm 52 (look 30s), Jewish, professional, 5'9", 170, moustache. I don't smoke or drink, I'm HIV-, workout regularly. My interests include cooking, PBS, classical music, travel (I'm studying Thai). If you're a sincere person, why not give a call? Call ★★2289.

Hot Top Needed

Hot blond, very nice body, 5'6", blue eyes, HIV-, average & uncut, nonsmoker, likes plain basic sex (no drugs, no S/M, BD, etc.). If you like that much, don't be put off by the age—48—unless 38 is also too old for you. Call or write PO Box 26458, SF 94126-6458 or call ★★2290.

It's About Time...

... That we finally meet. Bright, sensitive, gentle, masculine, romantic and handsome GWM professional (47, 5'11", 175, br/bl) seeks same (35+). I've worked on me and now it's time for us. If you know yourself and are unafraid of risk, commitment and intimacy & seek a LT relationship with a very special man, give me a call at... ★★2291

Missing You

Witty, literate, good-looking, professional, well-built, good cook, traveled, HIV+, healthy, 49 y.o., great smile, s/p moustache/hair, blue-eyed, 170#, 5'10". I like movies (all types), concerts, oceans, Hawaii, Ireland, Yucatan, reading, leftist politics, Latin culture, Van Morrison. Looking for LTR with man around my age, intelligent, masculine, secure in self, nonsmoker, healthy, who wants a partner, warmth, intimacy and honesty. A relationship is work and play, give and take, holding and being held. I'm ready. Got a picture? Reply BT Box NV101B.

Dedicated Partner, Reliable Friend

Enneagram 4 (5 wing), INFP, seeks soulmate/LTR. We value: mutual respect, spiritual intimacy, balance, disciplined thought, integrity, healthy lifestyles, self-awareness, altruism, home, nature, intuition, classical music(-making), shared journeys, the unknown, emotional availability, roads less traveled, deep feelings, inner exploration/growth, kindred spirits, tolerance, animals, higher self, singing, spontaneity, growing old together, inner child, uniqueness, new approaches, walks, teachers, sensitivity. GWM, 5'7", 123#, adaptable 46. Call ★★2292.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell

He doesn't. I don't. A simple domestic policy when it comes to my desire for a sexual friendship outside my very LTR. If you can be comfortable with my situation and would like to get together on a fairly regular basis, then drop a line to a warm and very friendly guy. I would like to meet someone over 35 who is affectionate, very oral, and has some hair on his chest. I am GWM, 44, 5'8", 140, lean/smooth, cute/good-looking, HIV-. Photo appreciated and will be returned/exchanged. Serious only please. Reply BT Box NV102B.

Masculine GBM, 30

Stanford grad student, good build, attractive, articulate and creative. Seeks an intimate connection with someone who has similarly forged a unique personality from a breadth of life experiences. The ideal respondent is a GM, 30s, in-shape, attractive, sexually versatile and HIV-. More importantly, you should have spiritual leanings and value consciousness, communication and relatedness. Call ★★2293.

Sailor Seeks Relationship

To share the freedom aboard my 45 ft. live aboard sailboat and help me continue the perfect Bay Area natural lifestyle. I'm 41, 5'11", 170, fit, HIV-, and ready to bond with a younger man who has an unfulfilled sense of adventure. No experience necessary, just the will to learn, a hunger to explore and the desire for a monogamous relationship. Captain, 1001 Bridgeway, Box 428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★2294.

There's Room

Now that Halloween has passed and the glamorous Angelica is no longer channeling through my body, there's room for someone else. Angelica claimed that she was perpetually 39, but the Truth in Relationship Act declares me a youthful appearing 48, 5'7", 145, GWM, handsome, currently moustached, with a smooth, well-defined, very fit and eminently sensual body (yoga, weights, Nautilus, step, aerobics, walking), full head of hair, refreshingly unconventional and creative personality, and a compassionate and loving heart. My joys include celebrating community with other men, opera and classical music, "the arts," sharing from the heart, service, exercise, travel, healthy organic food, massage and healing work, treading the spiritual path, expanding awareness, and passionate fully connected lovemaking. And you? Reply BT Box NV103B or call ★★2295.

"All I Ask For Is One Love..."

If you know this song from Phantom of the Opera, then you know what I am looking for. GWM academic, 39, 5'9", 170, br/gr, cleanshaven, masculine. Friends describe me as focused, strong, gentle, wise, humorous, romantic and communicative. I want to explore sexual and spiritual intimacy with the right guy, age 30-45. Wide ranging interests include politics, spirituality, music, movies, swimming, hiking, reading and travel. If you are a special man looking for one love with a quality guy, please reply to BT Box NV104B or call ★★2296.

That One You Always Envision

GWM, 28, 6'1", 160, blond hair, blue eyes, swimmer's build, model features; warm, focused, relationship-minded. Enjoys home-cooked dinners, romantic movies, being together. You are GWM, 24-32, brown or black hair, like James Dean looks, relationship-minded, willing to take a chance—a person who only envisions you. Think of a great future. Photo gets feeling, photo returned. Reply BT Box NV105B or call ★★2297.

"Will Work For Love"

Handsome, 28, GWM, 6'2", 240, br, hazel, clean-cut, East Bay dweller, SF worker, needs cute friend(s) to complete life's puzzle! Way open-minded, great cook, flexible, NS, ND, no hard alcohol, HIV-, low sex mileage and can blush shyly! Cool cars, cool music, cool people are a+. Military types get in free! East Bay a+. If you are 20-35 send picture and letter or call. Masculine and serious only, please. Thank you! Reply BT Box NV106B or call ★★2298.

Doing The Dance Of Life

Looking for partners. I'm a strong lead but want to follow more often. Attractive GWM, 45, 5'11", 185#. Nordic features, NS, ND, HIV-, seeking similar qualities Nordic to Mediterranean in masculine, trim men, 35-50, who are creative, romantic, independent and stable. Me: honest, loyal, listening, humorous, sensual, educated with depth and I love to dance—with and without clothes. Let's discuss the possibilities. Reply BT Box NV107B or call ★★2299.

Briefs, Boxers & Jockstraps

Turn me on. Young, good-looking, bisexual white male, 6 ft., 180 lbs., HIV-, would like to meet another young guy who is into men's underwear. I have a large collection that I'd like to show off in to the right person. Asians & Latins are encouraged to reply. Call ★★2300.

Can You Hear The Blues?!

Are you attractive intellectually, physically, emotionally, spiritually? Can you maintain your separate identity in a meaningful & committed relationship? I am 55 y.o., 150 lbs., HIV-, bearded, professional with a very good relationship history. I enjoy walking, beaches, music, theater, talking, international travel. I seek intelligent, educated, articulate, interesting, responsible male, early 40s to early 50s. NS. Reply BT Box NV108B or call ★★2301.

Serious About It

Recently found myself with time on my hands and no one to spend it with. Looking to meet an intelligent, handsome, in-shape, unpretentious GWM with a great sense of humor, 30-45. Prefer top sexually. Me: GWM, 36, 6'1", 185#, brown hair/eyes, HIV+, very healthy and in good shape, handsome (that's what others tell me). Tired of the bar scene. I enjoy films, the country, travel, quiet nights at home, good conversation, good friends, good food and good sex. Looking for a relationship of substance. Send letter and photo (I'll return) to BT Box NV109B or call ★★2302.

Friendship-Buddy-Relationship

Looking to find a down-to-earth type of GWM. You: masculine, 40ish, nice looks (not a gym nut), good body (weight & height in proportion), versatile w/oral preference, "well-equipped man-tool," hairy (a plus), adventurous, honest, sense of humor, caring, romantic (accepts men for what they are, not what can be changed), good kisser and unafraid of communication. Me: mature, GWM, 53 (look 40ish), 6'1", 180#, good-looking, clean-cut, moustache, blond, clean appearance (501s), good body, very sexual, HIV-, NS, light drinker, employment security. Letter required w/photo or xerox. Have lots to offer. Reply BT Box NV110B.

Stop And Look

Are you looking for the man who brings out the best in you? So am I. While single at 40, I'm seeking someone youthful, mature and adventurous. I like skiing, camping, hiking, the beach, movies, bicycling, dining in and out, hanging out with friends. If you are personally affectionate, socially compassionate and aware of current events in the world around you, then this masculine male would like to meet you. Proportional height and weight, nonsmoker preferred. Race unimportant. Don't wait, call now! Reply BT Box NV111B or call ★★2303.

Young GAM Wanted

GWM, mid-50s, professional, hairy body, 5'10", 210#, HIV-, looking for young GAM, 20-35, HIV-, for friendship/fun/relationship. Interests include music, piano, photography, golf, cooking, travel, computers. Prefer mid-Peninsula/South Bay. ND. Light smoker/drinker okay. Serious replies only. Returnable photo would be appreciated. Write G., PO Box 60821, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★2304.

Can We Connect?

I'm looking for a gay male that I can connect with romantically, intellectually and spiritually. I prefer men between 28-45, who are good conversationalists. Hopefully you have eclectic music tastes and take care of your body and maybe even have long hair. I'm 33 y.o., 5'9", 165 lbs., br/br, of Middle Eastern descent. For fun I enjoy cycling, working out, movies, long walks, music, coffee houses and good passionate sex. If any of this sounds interesting, call me or better yet write me and please enclose a recent photo (returned). All letters will be answered. Reply BT Box NV112B or call ★★2305.

Heavy Mutual Talking & Watching

Do you really dig talking dirty & jacking off? Do you get obsessive with cock/ball worship? Do you like drinking, smoking, partying? I love all of it. Seeking masculine, hung guys into the above for one-on-one get togethers, 10-11 pm, my place (Oakland). We share party expenses 50/50. This is a one-on-one scene. It's not a fuck/suck scene. Not into mirrors, videos, toys, shaved guys, tits, ass, groups. Age, size, looks unimportant. Commitment to talking, stroking, partying, cock worship is all that's needed. Call ★★2306.

Super Nice Guy

GWM, 35, 5'10½", 188, br, br, bearded, super hairy, seeks smaller, slender guys between 23 and 38, any race, for dating, romance and adventure. Interests include: horseback riding, acting, square dancing, photography, children, travel, hot tubs, touch, art and theater. Please be: direct, communicative, spiritual, mature, financially stable, spontaneous, passionate and willing to be intimate. Life's too short to not take a risk that can make such a difference. Call ★★2307.

Modern Man Of Color

Sought for friendship, romance, monogamous LTR. Me: BM, 26, 5'8", slim, HIV-, socially conscious, educated. Into clubs, music, dancing, art, alternative interests. You're at least my age and height, honest, HIV-, somewhat stable but not too conservative, realistic about life but enjoy grooving on it simultaneously. Think we'll be compatible? Are we soulmates? Take a chance because I'll respond to all. PO Box 426377, SF 94142 or call ★★2308.

Guys! Sex! Videos!

If you answered this ad in the prior two issues, and got no response, my sincere apologies. Unforseen circumstances prevented a call back to voicemail. Goal: sex buddies, playmates, intimacy, male bonding through mutual sexual pleasures and fun experiences. Me: attractive, mature, 40ish appearance, GWM, 6', 175#, good body, tanned, gray/blond/military cut hair, pecs pierced, great cock, hot mouth/tongue for full body exploration, moustache, good kisser, very sexual, honest, sensuous, touch oriented, adventurous exhibitionist, Blow Buddies regular, oral connoisseur with an insatiable appetite to fully service cocks. HIV- (play safe, status irrelevant), enjoy wine, a beer, "poppers" and an occasional joint. You: GWM, 35+, "oral (getting great head) fixated," good looks, maintained body and appearance, "endowed," "masculine." Enjoy kissing, man-to-man touching, massage? Have a very hot erotic apt., sexually graphic male art work, and extensive porno library in Van Ness corridor of the City. Wipe-outs: misrepresentation, small cocks, colognes, unclean or out-of-shape dudes or femmes. If you fit the general outline above, "What have you got to lose but your load?" Call ★★2309.

Sucking Asian Cocks

Is what I do best! If you're the right guy I want to give you the oral attention you deserve on a regular basis, at your place. I'm an attractive, fit & healthy 45 y.o. GWM. You should be 18 to 40 with weight proportionate. With dentures out my BJ has been called "awesome" and I want to prove it to you! No reciprocation expected. Call ★★2310.

You Can't Tell A Dreamer... I Can't Dream

Hoping to share Christmas arm in arm, feeling your heartbeat next to mine. Good-looking, level-headed Asian male, 28 y.o., 140#, 5'7", professional, seeks attractive GWM under 34 y.o. for relationship. Character, integrity and class are important to me. My friends seem to think I'm "special." I hope you'll agree when we meet over coffee. I believe in truth in advertising. Please write correspondence with photo. I'm still keeping my eyes on the prize. Reply BT Box NV113B or call ★★2311.

Killer Cuddle Kitten
Seeks fuzzy (not fussy) foxy playmate for mountain biking, hiking (i.e., shopping in the woods), candlefire mindspace adventures and vanilla swirl flesh-poems on rollercoasters. Old as a campfire (36 earth sign years). Body and soul humming. Nice masculine-feminine balance. Quiet mesmerizing hazel eyes, tomato lips, sculpted trim beard, curly golden locks, farmer's hands, ballerina feet and hung like a miniature pony. Most frequently viewed flicks: *Oz, Rocky Horror, Mondo N.Y., The Little Mermaid*—need I say more? Contact if you dare! Call ★★2312.

Staying Alive
Athletic, professional, Asian, 46, 5'9", with a high kinetic energy and altruistic values wants to meet a similar gym-toned, smooth, cleanshaven WM for friendship or more. Have a youthful exuberance and appearance through workouts, running, dancing, sports and hiking, complemented with a diverse range of leisure activities. Undoubtedly sophisticated with impeccable manners and witty humor. Do your positive attributes and interests match mine? Drop a note and we'll see. Reply BT Box NV114B.

Mature SF Romantic
Seeks younger masculine guy for erotic encounters, friendship, possible relationship. I'm GWM, 60, 5'8", 135#, HIV-, br/gr hair, trim beard. NS/ND, light drinker, affectionate, oral. You: over 35, sincere, health-conscious, sexually & emotionally open. Facial hair a +, size unimportant. Enjoy films, theater, music, dining in/out/leather. Not afraid to express feelings. Let me know how I can please you. Reply BT Box NV115B or call ★★2313.

(Asian, Latin Or ??) Passionate Body-And-Soul:
Casual homebody, Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, philosophy, independent Christian/Higher Power/Moderate Pride, humor, music, no heavy alcohol/drug dependency, light videophile, versatile (WM, 32, 5'9", 155#, "good-looking," hairy, cleanshaven). Seeking more serious Partner/friends with similar outlook. Letter/optional photo to: J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041 or call ★★2314.

Wanted: Sinful Tits And Dark Deep Pits
You: GM, trim, cute, NS, HIV-, with lickable sinful tits and dark hairy pits which I like to eat and smell while we J/O together. Me: handsome GWM, 5'10", 165#, s/p, blue eyes, hairy pecs w/pink pointed tits, uc avg cock, NS, HIV-, 53 yrs. old, great kisser, who needs breast fed, pits to lick. Novices, bisexuals, married OK. P/p to DDP, 2215-R Market St., #169, SF 94114 or call ★★2315.

Short, Masculine, Sweet And Vibrant!
Yes! I'm the attractive man you might see jogging the Kezar Track, or riding the N-Judah streetcar! I've seen you, a young, slim, short, fair-skinned Asian or white man. I'm WM, 39, 5'6", slender, HIV-; I don't smoke, drink alcohol or use drugs. You, too, are HIV- and free of unhealthy habits. Leave me a message and we'll have fun and more! Reply BT Box NV116B or call ★★2316.

Slave Sought
Master, 41, seeks slave with experience who is a pig about pain, abuse, sharing, being owned, ritual, bondage, wax, paddling/whipping, bonding—being part of a man and exploring life at all levels. Permanent sought—trained and developed progressively. You seek control by a dominant man who uses all your talents toward focusing on making use of your talents serving a man. Make me believe you. Giving, sharing, trust. Call ★★2317.

Masculine, Clean-Cut GAM
I'm in my late 30s, 5'9", 170 lbs. of well-packed muscle. I like armpits, thick necks, nice well-developed pecs, strong legs and firm asses. Hope to meet guys for fun and friendship. Please be HIV-, NS, ND. Bodybuilders and jocks a plus. Call ★★2318.

Teddy Bear Dad Wants Relationship
Hugs and kisses come first. My arms hold what the world lacks. Me: honest, sincere, attractive, GWM, 6'5", 280 lbs., 43 years old. Sexual interests include: ass massage, light spanking, Greek active. You: attractive GWM, 21-35, slim build with nice buns. Loyalty a must. Interests include: music, concerts, cabaret and video. Looking for more than a one-night stand. Call ★★2319.

Part-Time Lover
E. Bay GWM, 31, 6'1", 195, brown, brown, masculine, in-shape, seeks E. Bay part-time lover. If you are a GWM, under 30, 6 ft. or less, a bottom, in-shape, moderate to thin build, with little body hair, then this GWM would like to meet. I am looking for a guy interested in great conversation, sharing and noisy, passionate sex. I am not seeking a lover, just a discreet friend. Call ★★2320.

Sportsmen Wanted
Water sports men wanted by 45 y.o. GWM. I want to watch that salty, yellow stream soak into your jeans and taste that salty wonder while it runs down your leg, then stick your piss-soaked skivvies in my mouth while we take turns plugging each other's butts. You: over 25 with sensitive tits and rank pits. Me: 6'4", beard, full head of hair. Aggressive men only, please. Reply BT Box NV117B or call ★★2321.

Kinky Party Guy
GWM, 30s, muscular, looking for others into partying, fantasies, role-plays, 3-ways or small groups, toys, nasty fantasies, dominance/submission, humiliation. Let's get down and nasty together. Let me know your scene. All replies answered. Reply BT Box NV118B or call ★★2322.

My Gift To You...
A genuine friend. Asian guy, easygoing, 28 y.o., 5'7", 140#, in good shape and good-looking. Seeks GWM under 34 y.o., fit, for relationship. Unconditional love is what I have to offer if the chemistry is right. This attractive, quality, available and honest person is now on the meat market and won't be around forever. Please write descriptive letter, include photo of yourself. Mr. Right isn't always at your front door. Reply BT Box NV119B or call ★★2323.

Large Big Boy Femme Bear
36 y.o. GWM, 290#, 5'11", long blond hair, full of fun. Where are all those wild and crazy men who like to have fun? I enjoy dancing at Pleasuredome, Box, etc., walks on the beach barefoot, love nature, nights at home cuddling, passionate kissing and good rough sex. Pleasure-pain with light S/M. Let's get together and make music. I'm lonely and long for that man's touch. I'm ready. Reply BT Box NV120B or call ★★2324.

Seek Heartful GAM/GWM
I'm GWM East Bay teacher, 44, 5'11", 170, bearded, thinning black hair, handsome. I play piano, love nature walks, cultural events, exploring SF and elsewhere. I value spirit/heart over status/money. Seek weight proportional, not-too-hairy GAM, 25-45, or GWM, 25-35, who's reliable, communicative, monogamy-oriented, HIV-, "out." "Just friends," dating, relationship all fine. Please describe yourself, include your phone number. PO Box 8031, Berkeley 94707 or call ★★2325.

Friend... Lover
Or maybe something in-between? GAM, good-looking and youthful, 40s, 5'7", 135, HIV-, seeks GM, any background, healthy, under 55, attractive, in-shape, balanced for one or maybe all of the above. I'm stable, open, even-tempered with many interests and a healthy lifestyle. Desire a mutually nurturing and supportive friendship and/or relationship. Phone and photo if possible to: P., PO Box 471583, SF 94147 or call ★★2326.

Intelligent, Nice, Professional
GWM looking for a relationship with a GM, preferably living in the City, who has similar attributes, doesn't smoke and is HIV-. I'm 28, 6', 175, brown hair. I have a dry sense of humor with a sarcastic bent and am a bit on the reserved side. I enjoy learning new things (currently working on Italian and ASL), eating good food (Chinese, Indian, Ethiopian), reading, going to the theater & movies and hanging out at the Flore. Reply BT Box NV121B or call ★★2327.

Interviews
I am conducting and subjecting myself to them. What is an interview but a chance to meet and get to know each other and determine mutual interest. Sounds like a date. I am a professional with an established career; own my own home. I'm 6'1", 175, br/gr, good-looking, 30s. I workout 4-5 times a week. I am seeking a LTR with someone with similar qualities. This is not about ego or attitude, but about meeting a man of substance. Please be the same. Why not apply for the position (or positions). You won't be disappointed. Please send a letter and photo (returnable) to BT Box NV122B or call ★★2328.

I'll Fly Away
Deeply felt moments in everyday life, shared and remembered. Caring and acting from the heart. Looking for a man who savors these and the companionship of another who likes lots of easy contentment mixed with sparks of special times, and actually gets quite a kick out of you. I am 6', 170, trim beard, s/p hair, 47. This side of classy and comfortable as an old sofa for the right guy. Professional and socially versatile but don't like attitude. Looking for a guy who is probably taller/older with a life-loving disposition who wants to settle down with someone who is crazy for him just the way he is to see just how much we can make each other feel like the luckiest guys in town. Reply BT Box NV123B or call ★★2329.

Bases Are Loaded—No Home Runs
Adequately handsome GWMan, 37, 5'8", 150#, HIV-, ex-suit, true philanthropist. Likes daily exercise, feeling toned, defined and has endomorphic body type. I live a healthy, athletic lifestyle. I want to meet my soulmate. Your healthy, active, HIV-, gay only, under 6'. You're between 28-38 (or exceptional others). You're masculine, like being a man, with boyish charm, not macho. You're attractive, clean-cut, not perfect, not kinked. You're toned, fit and firm, because you work at it, but you're not obsessed. You don't mind getting dirty, and like to get squeaky clean. You read and like to learn. You work smart. You're employed. You play hard, but healthy. You like good people and their company. You're considerate, kind, romantic. You believe in monogamy, love, family. You want to grow with energy, peace and definitely together. You're an optimist. Hate is not in your vocabulary. Your religion is personal and not an extreme. You can communicate, negotiate and express what you feel. You're original, strong, quietly confident, but vulnerable. You have a past, but you don't live in it. You're not impressed or controlled by money. You want security, but collecting a lot of possessions just doesn't do it. You dream when you're awake. You need and like to laugh (trust me—you will). You feel ageless, alive, mature. You're saving yourself to give completely and honestly without losing who you are. You want to be proud of me and I of you. You want more than fluff; you need something solid and good. I'll wait for you. No blind meetings. Race is not the issue. Will respond to your photo and letter with the same. Reply BT Box NV124B or call ★★2330.

"How To Bake A Mate"
Take 2 GWMs in 30s—both very attractive & in-shape, but not hung up on this fact; both want to have that special someone to call "my guy"; both know it doesn't matter who's taller or has what between their legs; both have a lot of love they're ready to share. Put both in a coffee shop, not too crowded & net too late & that my stranger is how to bake a mate. P.S. Go for the heart & you'll go far. If you write, only serious seekers apply. Call ★★2331.

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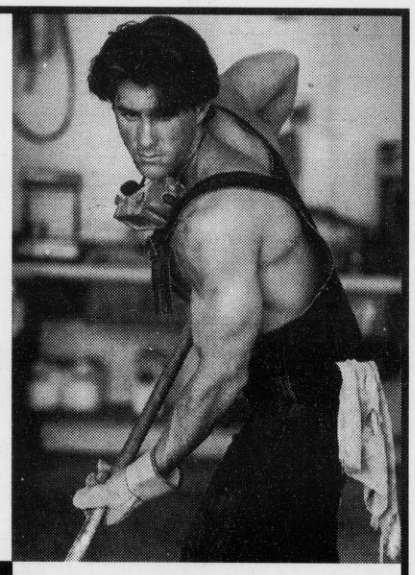

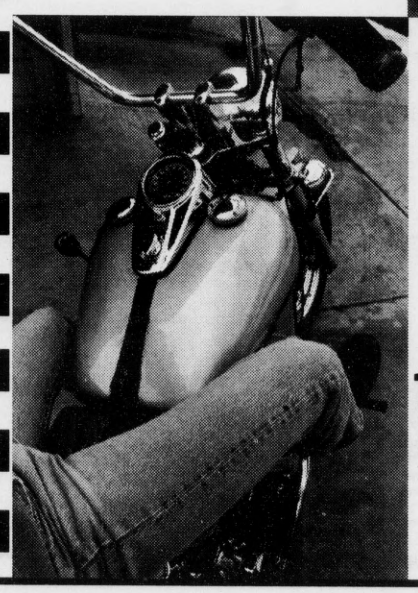

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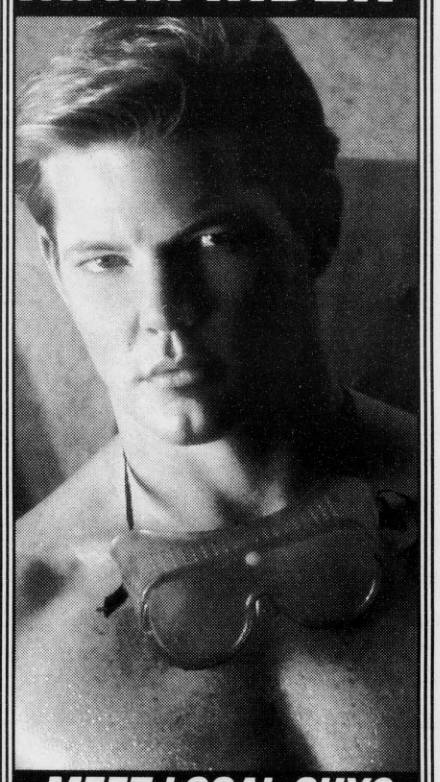

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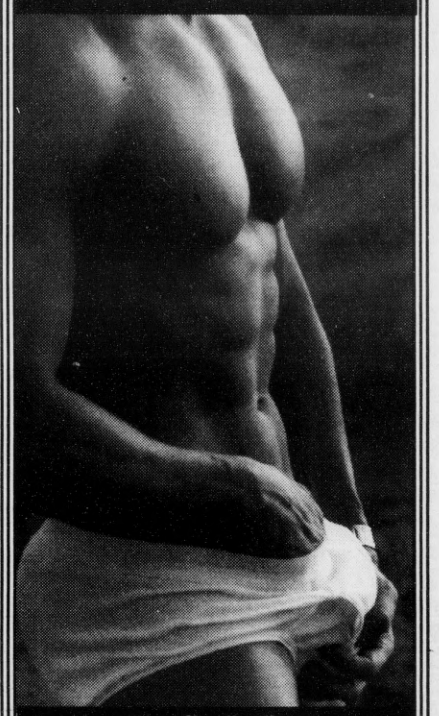

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You Must Be Out There Somewhere
GWM, 27, nice-looking, light brown hair and eyes. I wish life was the way it should be. I like reading, writing, good conversations, new adventures, German language, British humor/comedies, moderate nightlife/bar scene. I want to meet conservative GWMs, age 23-30 only. If you share same interests, please write! Boxholder, 5845 Jarvis Ave., #147, Newark, CA 94560.

I Can Cook, Too!
Would you like to commit to someone not afraid of commitment? When the time comes to say, "I love you," wouldn't you like the hear the same in return from someone who means it? So would I—eventually. You: GM, 30-50, attracted to big men, or size really doesn't matter; medium to husky build, big butt, big dick, big heart are a+, but not necessarily in that order. Me: BGM, 40s, 6'2", reasonably masculine, attractive, fat (big belly), hung, uncut, intelligent, reasonably well-read, well-traveled, successful, stable, assertive, romantic, creative. We: HIV-, relationship-oriented, focused on progressive, constructive values; are open to becoming best friends, companions, lovers. We celebrate differences, are able to express emotion. We are not substance abusers, effeminate or social conservatives. Reply BT Box NV125B or call ★★2332.

It's All Subjective
34 y.o. GWM, 5'10", 185 lbs., brown hair, bald, goatee, hairy, blue eyes, glasses, HIV-, attractive especially to men into "bears." For me beards and longer hair are OK but I generally prefer less hairy men than myself and a smaller build. I keep busy working, commuting, volunteering, doing chores and going to the gym. For fun I enjoy street fairs, family, friends, bicycling, hiking, skiing, music (mostly rock), movies, reading, TV, relaxing at home and following the Giants & 49ers. I'd like to meet a 22-48 y.o. GM who is honest, unpretentious, shares some but not all of my interests and whose vices haven't developed into a lifestyle. Write PO Box 470694, SF 94123 or call ★★2333.

Big Dick
Neither required nor offered. Normal man is the measure of my things. This man is 46, 5'10", 160 lbs., HIV-. Thinning brown hair, very blue eyes. Professional type. Interests include mild exercise, reading (particularly psychology), people (including non-trivial conversation). I am ND, occasional smoker. I like all people, races. I am actually "emotionally available." You should select yourself, younger or older. Should be normally intelligent (abnormally dumb OK). P.S. I cook only peanut butter sandwiches. 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★2334.

Are You Submissive And Adventurous
Need instruction, obedience training, verbal kink, bondage, spankings? Need behavior modification for mind and body. Looking for a stable environment? Need to find a masculine, aggressive dad or master, responsible and affectionate? Over 18, nonsmoker, no drugs, with a "yes, sir" attitude. For total commitment to this unique lifestyle, Boxholder, PO Box 2771, Livermore 94551 or call ★★2335.

Hot Head
Wanted. Passionate, serious cocksucking, that is. I have endowment downstairs, a brain and words upstairs. (You bring lips, tongue, throat and energy.) I'm 5'9", 165 lbs., brown/blue, 49, moustached and very well-hung. Also bright, literate, wry. You could be hairy-chested, dark, younger. You should be imaginative and sexy. Let's have intense manly encounters and see what happens. Call ★★2336.

Who Put The "Stud" In "Studious"?
Intelligent, articulate GWM with glasses is also a passionate, versatile Italian (HIV+) with a big... libido. Attractive, trim, short (5'5"), brn/brn, trim beard, mid-30s. Terrific sense of humor, dog owner/lover, real nice guy. Love popular music (Louis Jordan, June Tabor, Sondheim), movies, dining out, but most of all staying in, talking, laughing and making love with a special person. I have lots to offer, emotionally and physically, to the right person, and I'll run this ad till I find him. You: mature but fun-loving GWM in good shape, late-20s-late-30s, no drugs. Call ★★2337.

Bowtie To Briefs
Tuxedo or jockeys, eating in or at Fringale, first class or coach. GWM, 30s, 5'8", 150, HIV-, attractive, cleanshaven, very muscular, seeks GWM, 30s, professional, college-educated, financially secure, not snobbish but able to treat oneself to nice things and travel. Able to accept without trying to change. Musts: HIV-, no cats, cleanshaven, workout often, 2-stepper, car, live in SF. Call ★★2338.

You: Native American
Me: white man. I've always had an attraction to Native American men, even as a boy growing up in the Midwest. I'm 5'4", 128 lbs., 32 y.o., br/bl, HIV-, looking for slender, short, Native American man. I'm not perfect; you don't have to be either. My friends say I'm attractive—you decide. I'm connected with my spiritual self; you are too. Looking for physical/spiritual union. Send descriptive letter: Boxholder, PO Box 640883, SF 94164-0883.

Have It All!
Bisexual womyn seeks long-term relationship with well-to-do bi guy. We want children, family life, as well as options for discreet same-sex partners. You should be nonsmoking, light or non-drinking, 30 to 50 years old, politically and spiritually aware. I'm independent, loving, fun, attractive, dynamic, self-actualized, secure, homeowner. My interests include bicycling, hiking, live entertainment, swimming, quiet times, scuba, travel. Call ★★2113.

Cuddly, Happy Married Bi Woman
Warm, psychologically-aware, health-conscious, attractive, young-looking, 44, seeks similar bi or lesbian woman for loving, nurturing relationship/friendship. I'm Jewish, petite, soft, natural-looking with brownish hair and live in Berkeley area. Interests: personal growth, holistic healing, spirituality, intimate conversation, reading, massage, nature, hiking, swimming, films, women's events, psychology. My husband is supportive of my desire for a special woman in my life. Call ★★2114.

San Francisco Bisexual Blind Man
Wishes to meet a bisexual woman. Call ★★2115.

Intensely Playful
As well as playfully intense, "omnigender" male (culturally female-identified, mostly) seeks vivacious, sensitive, adventurous free spirits, especially female. Explore creative friendship and maybe steamy sessions of adoration, with dangerously imaginative, multi-faceted maverick—small ego (unlike libido!) & keen appreciation of humor, communication, romance, sensuality & chocolate (in more ways than one!). Stats: 29, white, longish golden-brown hair, nonsmoker; into hot springs, massage, hiking, sailing, dancing, fiction writing, photography... Call ★★2116.

Somewhat Battle Weary
"Warrior for peace" seeks BiF with joy in her heart and a taste for romance in her spirit. Let's bask in the twinkles in our eyes, make night fires on the beach and marvel in the kiss of our great smiles. Perhaps not mirrors but complementary supports, our active youthful bodies will share everything from techno to classical jazz, exploring full range of life and the arts (just as creative, intelligent people should do) being as naked and nasty (or conservative and poised) as we wanna be. I'll call myself an elegant butch BiBM with charisma, charm, "deep" wisdom, tenderness, strength and a great sense of humor... You're approximately 18-40, urban/suburban or just plain freak. 5337 College Ave, Suite 552, Oakland 94618 or call ★★2117.

Bi-Curious?
My type is usually married/bisexual—age 30-45, thick thighs, thick fingers, no colognes. Has fantasies which are safe. I'm 42, HIV-, nice-looking, easygoing, puts you at ease; I'm 6'2", 180 lbs., moustache, wavy hair, no drugs. I'm a voyeur and exhibitionist. Fetish for men's underwear—dirty talk. So, let's talk. Call ★★2118.

Men Are Pigs
Bi male, 27, tired of being dicked around (so to speak) by men, looking to meet an interesting woman for friendship, possible relationship. Me: attractive, sensitive, fun, thoughtful and full of thoughts. Into: art (especially performance), Nina Simone, new ideas and singing in the bathtub with you. Call ★★2119.

So Fucking Lonely
Young gayboy of questionable past, new to city, seeks one to end loneliness and our hopeless future. Must be young (no dreams; under 27, please), queer in any way, willing to be loved. Into feminism, suicide, beatings, anything but money. Our only warm fires and walks on the beach should be in next year's riots and other nightmares. Color/sex inconsequential. No typically pathetic GWMs please. Call ★★2120.

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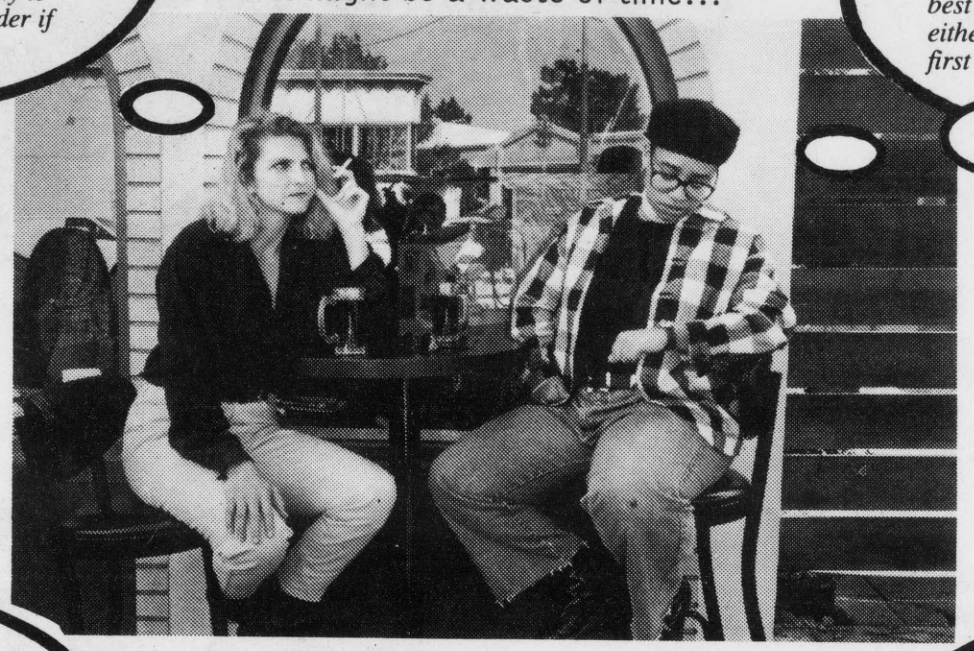
The Bay Times Voice Mail Personals:

What Have You Got to Lose?

"... orange juice, paper towels, Advil, cat food—Whiskas, no maybe Fancy Feast... or maybe I'll make a special dinner for Samson tonight... scrambled eggs and shrimp... wouldn't it be funny to make dinner for a cat! Wonder if cats can think...."

It might be a waste of time...

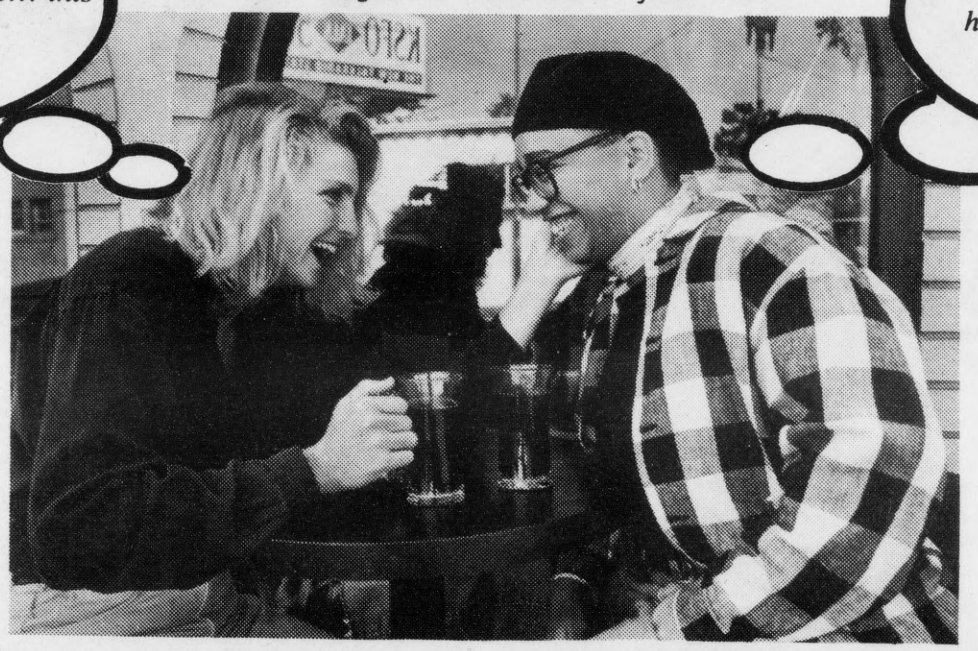
"If I leave right now I can still make it... damn... gotta finish the coffee... Double Jeopardy's the best part anyway... game can go either way no matter who wins the first round...."



"... we both like animals... we both like coffee... incredible... this really could be it!"

... but it might be the time of your life!

"God what beautiful teeth she has... I think I'm in love!"



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The SF Bay Times Personals.
It's not just a date. It's an adventure.

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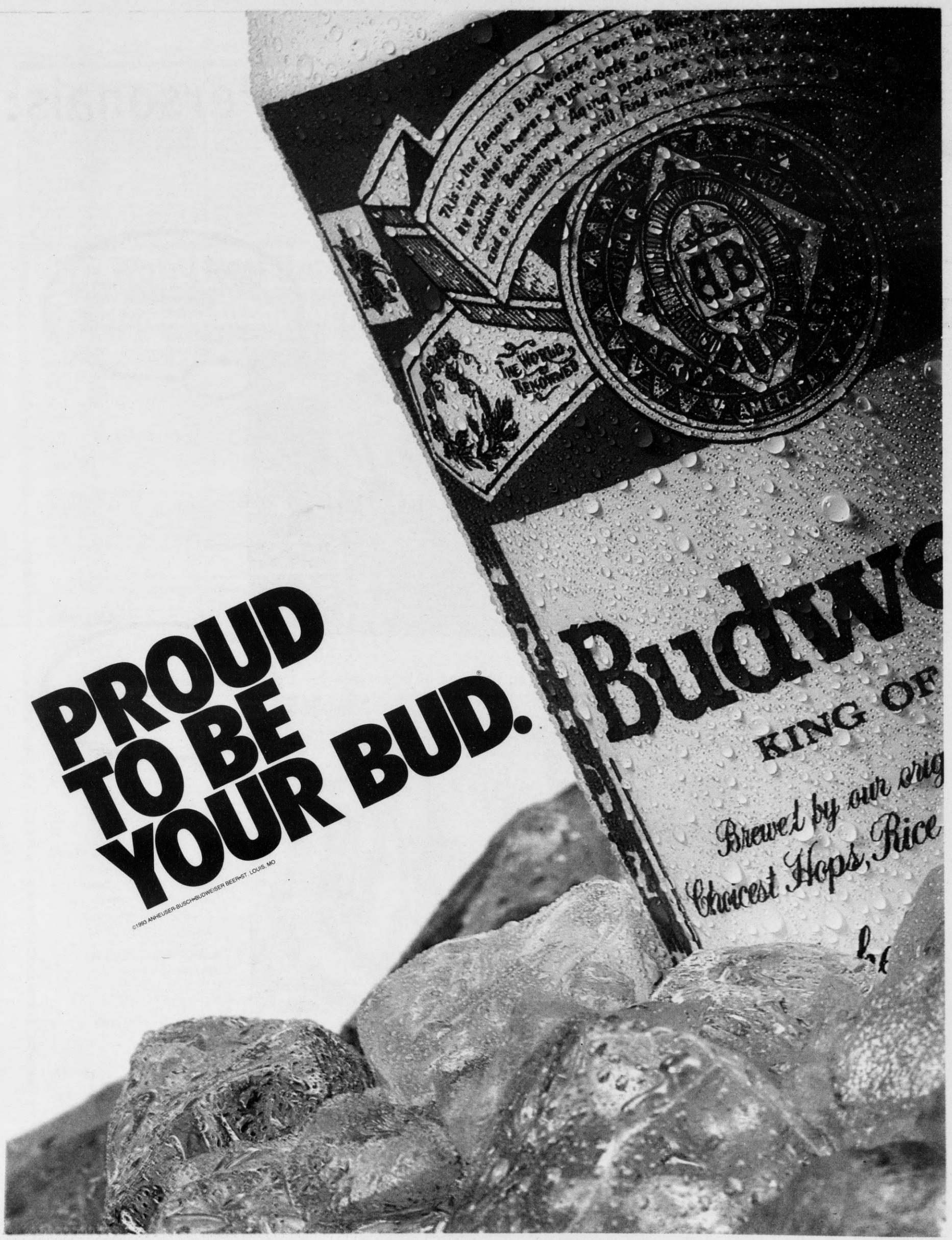
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